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Birth anniversary of Uthamar Gandhiadigal

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** inaugurated a two-year fellowship programme including 30 days of classroom training, for 30 young professionals selected under the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Fellowship Programme, on behalf of the Special Programme Implementation Department and handed over laptops to the young professionals at the Anna Administrative Staff College on 29.09.2022.

October 01: National Voluntary Blood Donation Day

Let us donate blood joyfully!
Let us save lives!

Message of the Hon'ble
Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
Thiru. M.K. Stalin,
on 30.09.2022.

It is a sacred act to save human life through blood donation. To create awareness among people about such an act of importance, the first day of October is observed every year as National Voluntary Blood Donation Day. The theme for this year's Voluntary Blood Donation Day is: "Donating blood is an act of solidarity. Join the effort and save lives".

The Government of Tamil Nadu is creating awareness among people to make them understand the importance of voluntary blood donation. Though science has made innumerable inventions possible, it has not been possible to artificially create the rare liquid, blood. Every human body has 5 litres of blood. In blood donation, just 350 ml of blood is taken. It takes only 20 minutes to donate blood. After blood donation, the donor can continue other usual activities. All healthy persons in the age group 18 to 65 can donate blood once in 3 months. Every unit of blood got through donation will save 3 lives. Donating blood at appropriate intervals, creates new cells in the donor's body and protects his/her health. Blood can be donated at Government's blood centres and voluntary blood donation camps.

To monitor the activities of blood banks, a website "e-RaktKosh" is in operation. In this portal, the blood donation camp and the names of blood donors can be registered. Facilities are provided to learn about the availability of types of blood. The general public can make use of this portal and easily get blood, when they need it.

Every year, the Government of Tamil Nadu honours blood donors and organizers of blood donation camps with certificates and medals.

To ensure easy availability of blood to patients requiring it, a computerized registry and an App will be created at an estimate of Rs. 10 lakh to register serial voluntary blood donors.

In the previous year, through Government and private blood banks, blood collected was 90 per cent and thus Tamil Nadu continues to be in the forefront in voluntary blood donation. In the current year, I affectionately request people to come forward and voluntarily donate blood liberally to achieve the 100 per cent target in voluntary blood donation and save valuable lives.

Let us donate blood happily! Let us save human lives!

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Through the friends (supporters) one gets, one's strength increases. Through the good deeds one performs with their help, welfare of all kinds flows.

- From Kalaignar's commentary on the Kural.

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First Wrapper

The Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, **Thiru. R.N.Ravi** and the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** paid floral tributes to the portrait of Uthamar Gandhiadigal kept near his statue in the Government Museum complex at Egmore, Chennai, in connection with the observance of the 154th birth anniversary of Uthamar Gandhiadigal, on behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu on 02.10.2022.

Hon’ble Chief Minister inaugurates Vallalar Vizha, repudiates anti-religion charge with great force

Speech delivered by the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** in the Vallalar ‘Mupperum Vizha’ function held at Arulmigu Kapaleeswarar Karpagambal Thirumana Mandapam, R.A. Puram, Chennai on 05.10.2022.

I wish to convey my affectionate respects happily to all of you.

Our Dravidian Model Government that had announced the birth anniversaries of Thanthai Periyar and Annal Ambedkar as ‘Social Justice Day’ and ‘Day of Equality’ respectively, has announced the birth anniversary of Thiruvarutprakasa Vallalar as ‘Thaniperum Karunai Day’ (a day of compassion), who said “Whenever I saw a withered crop, I withered.”

Our Hon’ble Minister Thiru. Sekar Babu has organized Vallalar’s Mupperum Vizha in a very excellent manner and to the appreciation of all. We are conducting this event combining the 200th year of Vallalar’s advent, the 156th year of the starting of the ‘Dharma Saalai’ and the 152nd year of showing the ‘Jothi Dharisanam’. Some people may be surprised or even shocked to see this event. As far as I am concerned, this event gives a reply to the calumny some people are spreading.

Some people who survive by politicising religion, are saying that Dravidian Model Rule is against spirituality, against people's faith. I wish to point this out specifically because some social media handles will edit what I say to their convenience to give the impression that I had stated Dravidian Model Government was against spirituality and people's faith, hiding the latter part of my speech. I wish to make it clear that the DMK is not against spirituality. This Dravidian Model DMK rule is against those who make use of spirituality only for politics, self interest and to create divisions among people. Those who know the culture of this land in regard to religion will understand this well.

This Tamil soil is the land of Valluvar who fought against retrograde meanness, declaring that there is no distinction by birth, there is none high or low. This Tamil soil is the soil that has been trod by Siddhars who queried, 'Will the installed stone speak when the Lord is within'. This Tamil soil is that of Vallalar who said "There is only one God; and He is in the form of Light". It was our leader Perarignar Perunthagai Arignar Anna who taught to DMK members Thirumoolar's concept "One community; one God". On this basis we have announced Vallalar's birth anniversary day as 'Thaniperum Karunai' Day.

Our Thiru. Sekar Babu visits temples more than he visits the Secretariat. The reason is that he devotes more time to see whether temple works are being carried out properly.

Those who give religious discourses in temples, keep a list of temples where they have to go and speak. Our Minister Sekar Babu, on the other hand, is capable of visiting not one temple a day but temples in three towns in a day. I call him 'Seyal Babu'. More than my appreciation or that of the party members and Ministers, your praise to him is an honour to us.

If you are all exponents of religious lore, he is a religious activist. This is the only difference between you and him. This is the reason for the praise and honour given to the Dravidian Model Government.

- ❖ The fundamental concept of the Dravidian Movement – all are equal by birth – was first stated by Ayyan Valluvar Peruman.
- ❖ Arutperumjothi Ramalinga Adigalar was the first person to make people realize that caste and religion are false.
- ❖ He sang 'I was ignorant of escaping the difficulty of caste and religion or giving up the indecisiveness over dogmatic works'.
- ❖ He sang till the last for rooting out blind superstitions.
- ❖ He came to the conclusion of avoiding caste and religion and parting with the rubbish of religious works.
- ❖ Vallal Peruman sang: "O! Humanity! You raved in the beginning, about caste, religion, its

codes and regulations found in religious works and in lineage! Is does not befit you to roam about like this and destroy yourself.

I wish to register at this time it is the duty of the Dravidian Government to praise such a Vallal Peruman.

In the 1940s itself, Thanthai Periyar published the book 'Ramalingar Paadal Thirattu' by compiling the poems in the 6th Thirumurai. Our Muthamizharignar Thalaivar Kalaignar created Vallalar Nagar. After taking up the governance we are celebrating Vallalar's birth anniversary as 'Thaniperum Karunai' Day.

In DMK's manifesto before the Assembly election, we have stated as the 419th promise that an international centre for Vallalar will be set up at Vadalur. It says, it will be set up so as to bring about camaraderie among castes and religions and to adore the teachings of Vallalaar's 'Samarasa Suddha Sanmargam'. The advice of an expert committee has been obtained on how to achieve it. Our Minister Thiru. Sekar Babu visited the place several times and at present a draft plan is under way for a Rs. 100 crore project for it. Construction works will start shortly. With such projects awaiting execution, we are celebrating the Mupperum Vizha.

I have also had consultations with the committee. Arrangements for the event have been done excellently. This Mupperum Vizha is slated to be conducted in different cities for 52 weeks.

I wish to share the happy news with you that Rs. 3.25 crore has been allotted for this celebration inclusive of conducting

continuous ‘Annadhanam’ for one year and giving gifts to those who give discourses.

As author, annotator, publisher, editor, spiritual teacher, elucidator of wisdom, exponent, doctor in Siddha medicine, reformer, poet and a man of wisdom, Vallalar remained as a multifaceted man. He formulated his creed as ‘Samarasa sanmargam’. To execute it, he started the ‘Samarasa sanmarga sangam, for that sangam, he designed a flag and a spiritual code - ‘Arutperumjothi Thaniperum karunai’. For that, he created the Sathiya Gnana Sabha.

Our Vallalar exemplifies a person who implements a credo after shaping it and explaining it, without leaving it abruptly.

He said compassion is God. Hence, he felt removing hunger is a devotional work. He lighted up a fire that was never to be extinguished, and drove away hunger.

This Government that treads his path has started the breakfast scheme for school children on the lines of Manimekalai’s ‘Amudha Surabhi’ and Vallalar’s ‘Ever-burning oven’.

Removal of hunger and giving food for thought are the premier policies of this Government. As Perarignar Anna stated we will see God in the smile of the poor.

There should not be any differences in society. There should not be any discrimination among human beings. Harmony should prevail. Each one’s life should be guided by love and compassion. Vallalar repeatedly stated there should be compassion and altruism. Annadhanam alone is not his moral code. Working for an egalitarian society is treading the path of Vallalar. His moral code is all people – equals, the high and low – should live in unity.

Let us take a vow to usher in such an ethical world and work for it.

Hon’ble Chief Minister releases Vallalar’s insignia, commemorative stamp and a souvenir.

By way of celebrating Vallalar’s Mupperum Vizha, the Hon’ble Chief Minister released the ‘Vallalar 200’ insignia, a commemorative stamp and a special souvenir and inaugurated the first of the 52-week celebrations and the distribution of ‘Annadhanam’ for the whole year.

The compassionate Ramalinga Adigalar, also known as Thiruvarutprakasa Vallalar, was born on 05.10.1823 at Marudhur near Chidambaram. A spiritual visionary, he set up the ‘Samarasa Suddha Sanmarga Sathya Gnana Sabhai’ and prevented animal sacrifice conducted in the name of God. To remove people’s hunger, he set up the Sathya Dharmasalai at Vadalur. He propagated equality, education and meditation and authored many spiritual books like Thiruvarutpa, Jeevakaarunyam and Arulneri.

In the demand for grants for the Department of HR & CE for the year 2022-2023, it was announced that a Mupperum Vizha would be conducted for Vallal Peruman, who championed the cause of equality and promoted extraordinary

compassion, for 52 weeks in important towns in the 200th year of his advent – from October 2022 to October 2023. The celebration would be for the 3 events – Vallal Peruman's Dharmasalai entering into the 156th year (25.05.2022), the beginning of the 200th year of the advent of Vallalar (05.10.2022) and the 152nd year of showing the 'Jothi Dharisanam' (05.02.2023). A special committee would be formed for this celebration.

As per the announcement, the Government of Tamil Nadu set up a 14 member special commitee presided over by Dr. P. K.Krishnaraja Vanavarayar.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated the Mupperum Vizha, released the 'Vallalar's Thaniperum Karunai' special souvenir, presented 'ponnaadai' to suddha sanmarga disciples- Thiru.Mazhaiyur Sadasivam, Thiru.S.M. Sivaraman, Tmt.Dhanalakshmi, Thiru. M.Balakrishnan and Thiru. Sivaprakasa Swamigal – and distributed commemorative prizes. The Hon'ble Chief Minister also inaugurated the first round-the-year annadhana scheme, commencing from 05.10.2022.

"Removal of hunger and giving food for thought are the premier policies of this Government. As Perarignar Anna stated we will see God in the smile of the poor. There should not be any differences in society. There should not be any discrimination among human beings. Harmony should prevail. Each one's life should be guided by love and compassion. Vallalar repeatedly stated there should be compassion and altruism. Annadhanam alone is not his moral code. Working for an egalitarian society is treading the path of Vallalar. His moral code is all people – equals, the high and low – should live in unity."

- Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu

Thiru. M.K. Stalin

Hon'ble Chief Minister distributes awards, incentives to medal-winning sportspersons

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin**, handed over Chief Minister's Awards to the 19 best sportsmen, trainers, physical education training teachers and referees and an incentive of Rs.16.30 lakh as cheques, and as high incentive, cheques for Rs. 16.28 crore to 1,130 sportsmen and sportswomen who participated in various international and national sports events and won medals, on behalf of the Youth Welfare and Sports Development Department, at the Nehru Indoor Stadium on 12.09.2022.

Chief Minister's awards to the best sports persons, trainers, physical education teachers and umpires:

The Hon'ble Chief Minister distributed incentive cheques for Rs. 16.30 lakh and

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** felicitated the medal winners in various tournaments with cash incentives in the function held at Nehru Indoor Stadium, Chennai on 12.09.2022.

Chief Minister's Awards to 8 best sportspersons, 4 trainers, 4 physical education directors / teachers and 3 referees (totally 19), who won medals in various international and national sports events during the years 2018-2019 and 2019-2020.

In the 65th National School Games Athletics Championship, 2019-2020, organized by the School Games Federation of India (SGFI), in Sangrur, Punjab, 659 boys and girls students belonging to Tamil Nadu,

won medals under the 14 years, 17 years, and 19 years categories. They were given incentive cheques for Rs. 7.03 crore;

In the National Sub-junior, Junior and Senior championships, held in 2019-2020, 291 sports men and women won medals. The medal winners were given incentive cheques totalling Rs.5.94 crore;

In the 12th Hockey Championship for Seniors, held at Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh from 06.04.2022 to 17.04.2022, Tamil Nadu won the Silver Medal. All the 18 players were given incentive cheques to the tune of Rs. 27 lakh;

In Asian Rowing Championship held in Sungju in South Korea from 23.10.2019 to 27.10.2019, India's Thiru.dLakshman Rohith Maradapa, belonging to Tamil Nadu, won the Bronze Medal. The Hon'ble Chief Minister handed over to him, the incentive cheque for Rs.5 lakh.

At the 31st National Fencing Championship for Women for Seniors, held at Uttarakhand from 19.03.2021 to 21.03.2021, four women, belonging to Tamil Nadu won Bronze Medals and all the 4 medal winners were given an incentive cheque for Rs. 1 lakh each, totalling Rs.4 lakh;

Chess Grandmaster Thiru. V.S.Raahul, who won the Grandmaster Title in the year 2022 was given an incentive cheque of Rs. 3 lakh;

In the 2021 the Inline Speed Skating Championship held in Ibague-Tolima Colombia, from 04.11.2021 to 13.11.2021, Thiru. Anandkumar Velkumar of Tamil Nadu won the Silver Medal. He was given Rs.4 lakh incentive cheque;

In the All-India Inter-University Championships – 2019-2020, 144 students belonging to Tamil Nadu participated. They were given a total of Rs.2.13 crore as incentives.

Selvi Srija Seshadri and Selvi K.Priyanka, who won the Women Grandmasters in Chess, during the year 2017 and 2020 respectively, were given Rs.3 lakh each, totalling Rs. 6 lakh.

At the chess championships held during 2016, 2017 and 2022, Thiru. R.Praggnanandhaa, Thiru. P. Iniyan and Thiru. L.R.Sri Hari won

the Grandmaster Title. They were given incentive cheques of Rs. 3 lakh each totalling Rs. 9 lakh.

At the 25th Asian Table-tennis Championship held at Doha from 28.09.2021 to 05.10.2021, Thiru. G.Sathiyan and Thiru. Sharath Kamal, won the Bronze Medals in the Doubles Event and in the Group event. They were given incentive cheques of Rs. 10 lakh each, totalling Rs. 20 lakh.

At the 12th Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championship, held at Uzbekistan, Tashkent, from 01.10.2022 to 07.10.2022 Thiru. G.Kumar won the Silver Medal in the 75 kg category. He was given Rs. 15 lakh as incentive cheque. Similarly, Thiru.R.Benjamin Jerold won the Bronze Medal in the 65 kg category. He was given Rs. 10 lakh as incentive cheque. Thiru. R.Kartheekeswar won the Bronze Medal in the 85 kg category and he was given Rs. 10 lakh as the incentive cheque. Totally, Rs. 35 lakh has been given as incentive cheque for winning medals at the World Bodybuilding Sports Championship.

In the 77th National Squash Championship held in Chennai from 09.02.2020 to 15.02.2020, Selvi Joshna Chinnappa won the Gold Medal in the women category and she was given the incentive cheque for Rs. 5 lakh.

Totally, 1,130 sportspersons were given incentives to the tune of Rs. 16.28 crore by the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

"Aadukalam App" Sports information Centre, at HQ Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also inspected the 'Aadukalam' Sports Information Centre at the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu. The Centre provides information required by the sportspersons, which include their demands and grievances. This Centre functions from 10 am to 5 pm on all working days and can be contacted through mobile no. 95140 00777.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also inaugurated online registration for participating in the Chief Minister's State-level Sports Tournament. The registration can be done through a separate portal sdat.tn.gov.in, through the Android APP facility, available at the Sports Service Centre or by applying directly through the district sports offices.

In the first phase, registration can be done for 5 categories in Kabaddi Tournament for the General Public, schools and college students and physically disabled persons. Subsequently, registration is done for athletics, basketball and silambam.

Speech delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister at the event:

First of all, I extend my warm welcome to all of you.

This is the third time that I am visiting the Nehru Indoor Stadium in the last three months. From this, you can guess with how much speed the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu is functioning in the State. To put it in a nutshell for the benefit of sportspersons, the Department is functioning at the speed of an athlete. We have organized the Chess Olympiad

in a grand manner, astonishing the entire world.

Next you are preparing for an International Tennis Tournament. In these circumstances, the current function has been organized.

Hon'ble Minister Thiru. Meyyanathan has transformed himself into Sportsnathan. He has been functioning well and with great enthusiasm to make his department function hum with activity. You must all be proud to have such a person as the Sports Minister.

Our aim is that all sectors should have uniform growth and that is the Dravidian model of Government. The present function is an example of the growth of the Sports Department, as a part of the Dravidian Model.

Four important events have been combined in this single function.

Awards to the best sportspersons in the State;

Incentives to those who won Awards and Medals at international and national sports events.

Prior Registration of sportspersons for the Chief Minister's Cup.

'Aadukalam' Sports Service Centre for sportsmen and women.

All these four events have been organized at the same time.

The State Government is organizing the function to make the State the number one in sports and to make the Tamil Nadu Sportspersons win medals in international sports events and bring laurels to the State.

In the Chess Olympiad conducted in Chennai, over 2,000 players from 187 Countries participated. All the participants, visitors and chess lovers all over the world appreciated the efforts of the State and looked at Tamil Nadu with awe.

The event was organized in a splendid manner; it was planned right from the beginning to the end of the tournament. The reason for the success of the tournament was in the way we planned it.

Chess Olympiad has created interest in chess among students, the youth and the people from the rural to urban areas.

To pique their curiosity further, we are going to organize an international tennis tournament for women from today to September 18 of this month.

To kindle further the interest of students, I am happy to inaugurate registration for various sports events for the Chief Minister's Cup today.

As I had mentioned in the valedictory function of the Chess Olympiad, our traditional sports, namely Kabaddi and Silambam are given importance in the Chief Minister's Cup. Today, registration for kabaddi events has begun. Subsequently, registration for other sport events will begin.

From October, the events will be held in all Districts. After that State-level tournaments will be organized in a grand manner in January and February, next year in Chennai. That means, for the next six months, various sports events are to be held in various places. These sports events are a boost to sportspersons in the State.

For the first time, these events are to be held at five levels- for school and college students, for Government employees, for the general public and for the physically disabled persons. These events are designed in a way that both men and women sports persons can participate.

From next year onwards, these events will start from the last week of June and continue till the Pongal Festival. Pongal will be celebrated not only as a part of art and culture but also of traditional Tamil sports events.

The winners of the tournaments will be admitted at the Sports Hostels belonging to the Sports Development Authority. These students will be given special coaching to prepare them for international and national sports events.

The Sports Department is undergoing a renaissance because of the efforts of the Government of Tamil Nadu.

We have also identified the sports achievers who have not been rewarded in the past and given them incentives for their achievements.

Today 1,130 sportspersons were given incentives to the tune of Rs. 16.28 crore.

The Aadukalam Sports Information Centre of the Sports Development Authority here is an important source of information for sportspersons. Their demands, suggestions and complaints will be registered in this centre and action will be taken. Following the Chess Olympiad, the State Government is planning to train chess players of Government school students through recognized chess trainers to equip them to participate in International Chess events. Like the traditional sport Silambam, sports activities of tribal people will be identified and sufficient encouragement will be given to those sports activities. The State Government will pave the way for the younger generation to participate in sports events and win awards.

The victory you achieve is not an individual achievement, but a victory for the State and for the Country. Your duty as well as your responsibility is great. You should realize that and create records.

With this, I conclude my speech by extending my best wishes for all your endeavors.

Hon'ble Chief Minister declares open 840 tenements at Gowthamapuram, Kolathur

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** declared open 840 tenements in a multi-storied complex, on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board, built at a cost of Rs.111.80 crore at Gowthamapuram Scheme Area on 12.09.2022. On the occasion, the Hon'ble Chief Minister also laid foundation stones for construction of Anganwadi Centre buildings, a library building and a park, all at a cost of Rs. 1.95 crore and inaugurated schemes worth Rs. 1.95 crore, on behalf of the Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply & Sewerage Board.

Under the Houses for All Scheme, the dilapidated houses in Gowthamapuram scheme area in the Kolathur Assembly Constituency limit were demolished and in their place stilt plus 14-storied building with 840 new tenements was constructed, at a cost of Rs. 111.80 crore, with the participation of both the Union and the State Governments.

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** inaugurated the completed project of TNUHDB on 12.09.2022

Each flat was constructed on a 406 sq.ft area and has a multi-purpose room, bedroom, a kitchen and toilet facilities. The flats were allotted to 400 families which had been there earlier and the remaining 440 flats were allotted to economically weaker sections from the Chennai Corporation. The cost of each flat is Rs.13.31 lakh. The Union Government's contribution is Rs. 1.50 lakh per flat, the State's share is Rs.6 lakh and the balance Rs. 5.81 lakh is met by the beneficiary.

Following representation from the reconstructed flat beneficiaries that their contribution of Rs. 5.81 lakh per flat is on the higher side, the Hon'ble Chief Minister issued orders for payment of their contribution in instalments of Rs. 250 per month for 20 years.

Similarly, taking into consideration the economic conditions of the beneficiaries of the

remaining 440 flats, the Hon'ble Chief Minister issued orders reducing their contribution to Rs. 5 lakh from Rs. 5.81 lakh. The process of identifying the remaining beneficiaries is going on.

Following this, the contribution of the Union Government per flat is Rs.1.50 lakh, the contribution of the State Government for the reconstructed flat beneficiary has increased from Rs.6 lakh to Rs.11.40 lakh and for the economically weaker sections, the State's contribution has increased from Rs. 6 lakh to Rs. 6.81 lakh.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated the multi-storey tenements and handed over the allotment orders and keys to the 400 reconstructed flat beneficiaries.

Basic facilities such as rain water canal, concrete roads, street lights, ground-level water tanks, lift facilities, ground-level vehicle parking and transformers for continuous power supply have been provided in these tenements. Residents Welfare association has to be formed for proper maintenance of the flats.

On behalf of the Greater Chennai Corporation, at Ramana Nagar in Gowthamapuram, Kolathur, from the Parliament Member's Local Area Development Fund, foundation stones have been laid for 2 Anganwadi Centres, to be built at a cost of Rs. 74.70 lakh, a library building at a cost of Rs. 40 lakh, new park on the Jawahar Salai on the open ground in Ramana Nagar, at a cost of Rs. 80.69 lakh from the Legislative Member's Local area development Fund. Totally, the Hon'ble Chief Minister laid the foundation stones for various schemes to be executed at a cost of Rs. 1.95 crore.

Following this, the Hon'ble Chief Minister declared open the workshop office building, on behalf of the Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply & Sewerage Board, built at a cost of Rs. 24.71 lakh. The Hon'ble Chief Minister also initiated Sewage Pumping Station and Sewage Pipeline laying work, both at a total cost of Rs. 91.70 lakh, at S.R.B.Kovil (North), 4th street, Thiru.Vi.Ka Nagar and new drinking water pipe laying work at Vetri Nagar, at a cost of Rs. 78.44 lakh.

Earlier, the Hon'ble Chief Minister, at the Kolathur MLA Office at Jawahar Nagar, handed over education grants to 89 students of Arulmigu Kapaleeswarar Arts and Science College Students.

Speech delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on the occassion

I am happy to convey my hearty welcome to all of you on this happy occasion.

Today I declared open multi-storied tenements constructed at a cost of Rs. 111.80 crore, on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board. 840 flats have been constructed and allotment orders and keys of the flats were given to the earlier owners of the flats.

The Hon'ble Minister for Municipal Administration Thiru. Nehru mentioned one point in his address. He said that the Chief Minister, in whichever part of the State he tours, would feel a special enthusiasm and happiness in the case of Kolathur Constituency. What is strange about it? This constituency elected me as their Assembly representative. You did not see whether I was in the Opposition Party or Ruling party. But you consider me as a member of your family. When such is the case, what is strange in my excitement and happiness when I visit the constituency. Sometimes I feel exhausted. But the exhaustion vanishes the moment I visit Kolathur and I become energetic. I am really happy to visit Kolathur Constituency again and again and meet you all. Thiru. Anbarasan is incharge of the Slum Clearance Board now named as the Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board.

When the DMK came to power for the first time in 1967, the then Chief Minister and our mentor, Perarignar Anna saw a large number of colonies with thatch-roof huts in the State, especially in Chennai City. Whenever there were rains, the hut dwellers were put to a lot of hardships. Similarly, these huts were prone to fires. The fire in one hut would quickly spread to the entire colony of huts. So he first launched the fire-free asbestos houses replacing thatched roof houses. Though the asbestos houses met the purpose to a certain extent, he was not satisfied with those houses. There would be problems during rains.

That is the reason that our Thalaivar Kalaignar, in 1970, after taking charge as the Chief Minister of the State, launched the Slum Clearance Board, the first in the country. The then Union Minister Babu Jagjivan Ram, popularly known as Babuji and Jayaprakash Narayanan, popularly known as JP attended the inaugural function. Kalaignar successfully implemented the scheme. The name of the scheme has now been changed as the Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board. The present buildings were declared open with that new name. At this juncture, I could see happiness in all your faces. You are all happy at the formation of the DMK Government in the State. On the other hand, we feel happy to know that the DMK Government was responsible for your happiness and this gladdens our hearts.

Today, is a significant day for the 840 families as they are all now proud owners of flats. There is an adage in Tamil, ‘conducting a marriage and constructing a house are difficult’. But today, conducting marriages has become easy as marriages are now held in the Registrar’s office. So conducting marriages is not difficult now. But construction of a house is difficult. Owning a house is a dream of the common man. I am proud that I was responsible for making the dream of many people come true. Gowthamapuram is an important place in Kolathur Constituency. Whenever I visited the area, I was given a rousing reception. It happened

yesterday and today also. They will continue to give me the same reception in future also.

When the DMK party was in the Opposition, I visited the place on 09.08.2015 and personally saw the damaged houses. I visited the place again on 27.07.2016. I collected all the details and handed them over to the then party District secretary and the present Minister Thiru. Sekar Babu, Former MLA Thiru.Ranganadhan and the Rajya Sabha Member Thiru. Girirajan, Thiru.Nagarajan, Thiru. Muralidharan and other party office-bearers continued to insist that steps should be taken for repairing the flats.

I also spoke about the condition of the flats in the Assembly and placed a demand for immediate repair of these flats. Again I visited the area on 03.05.2017. Immediately, I allotted Rs.25 lakh from the MLAs Constituency development fund for repair works. Senior lawyer and the Parliament Member, Thiru. N.R.Ilango also allotted funds from his MP Constituency funds. Funds were mobilized from various sources for carrying out repair works.

Similarly, funds were allotted for repairing damaged sewerage pipes, sewage tanks, bathroom fittings, footsteps, renovation of balcony, damaged roofs and cementing floors. All the 400 houses in Gowthamapuram have been demolished and 840 new flats have been constructed.

You all know that the present DMK Government is working to provide food, houses, clothing, education, jobs to all and to bring self-respect to them.

We changed the name of the Slum Clearance Board to Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board. Our purpose is not only to replace huts with buildings. We want the life and the livelihood of these people to improve. That is our aim and that is known as the Dravidian Model Government.

In certain States, during the visit of foreign dignitaries to their State they used to cover the slums with tarpaulin to hide those slums from the eyes of foreign dignitaries. This happened in our country.

But our Dravidian Model Government is not to hide anything. The present multi-storied building at Gowthamapuram is the Dravidian Model. We are improving the livelihood of common people through fair schemes. The Hon'ble Minister Thiru. Anbarasu had pointed out here that 94,557 multi-storied flats are being constructed in 219 places at a total cost of Rs. 10,295 crore. These are all our efforts for bringing a smile to the face of the poor.

Arignar Anna said that we see God in the smiles of the poor. Dr.Kalaignar, who came

after Anna, said that we see Anna in the smiles of the poor. Today, I say that we see Kalaignar in the smiling faces of the poor. By implementing people's welfare schemes that bring smiles on the faces of the poor, the DMK Government is proving that it is the people's welfare Government.

The Hon'ble Minister Thiru. Anbarasan, who is in charge of the Ministry, has been acquitting himself well. People know that not only Thiru. Anbarasan, but all Ministers in the Cabinet have been carrying out their duties successfully. I don't need to tell you about the Hon'ble Minister Thiru. Sekar Babu. Nobody knows when he sleeps and when he works. Yesterday he was in Nagercoil, Kanniyakumari, this morning he is here.

Similarly, I don't need to tell you about Thiru. Anbarasan. He has been functioning like a spinning top. Similarly, I don't need to tell you about Nehru. He was already experienced as a Minister. He is holding the post of Municipal Administration and has been touring every nook and corner of the State. These are all the lessons taught to us by our leader Dr. Kalaignar.

When journalists asked Dr.Kalaignar to tell one word about Thiru. Stalin, he said that Stalin meant work, work, work. That is applicable not only to me but to all Ministers, MPs, MLAs, Mayors and local body representatives. Whichever posts they have been holding, they acquit themselves well. That is the Dravidian Model Government. The present Dravidian Model Government is carrying out its duty to the satisfaction of all. I appeal to you to support this Dravidian Model Government. I am thankful to you for giving me the opportunity to participate in this function.

Nandri, Vanakkam.

Hon'ble Chief Minister writes to Hon'ble Prime Minister 'about medical students who have returned from Ukraine'

D.O. Letter of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin,** addressed to the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India **Thiru. Narendra Modi** (16.09.2022).

I wish to draw your attention to the anguish caused among the medical students who have returned from Ukraine by the recent stand taken by the Union Government in the Hon'ble Supreme Court. In the case filed by the students seeking accommodation in colleges in India, the Union Government has informed the Hon'ble Supreme Court that Indian medical students who returned from Ukraine cannot be accommodated in medical colleges in India. This position has been taken citing that there is no provision in the National Medical Commission Act allowing it and such relaxation will hamper the standards of medical education in India. In addition, it has been stated that the no-objection for academic mobility between foreign universities for students who could not complete their courses in Ukraine cannot be used as a backdoor entry into Indian colleges offering UG Courses.

The Lok Sabha committee on External Affairs had recommended that the returned students can be accommodated in the medical colleges in India and the students were very hopeful. But the contrary stand taken by the Union Government has dashed the hopes of these students. This needs to be reconsidered. If accommodating such returned students in Government medical colleges is deemed difficult, I request that these students can be accommodated in private colleges by creating additional seats as a one-time measure. Since, these students sought education in Ukraine due to their inability to pay the higher fees in private medical colleges in India, a special dispensation may be considered in the form of a comparable fee structure in private medical colleges in India similar to the fees paid by the students abroad. This will allow the affected students to continue their education paying the same level of fees.

In addition, I also request the Ministry of External Affairs and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to actively identify colleges and Universities abroad suitable for these medical students under the academic mobility program. This process of identifying appropriate colleges and accommodating our students needs to be centrally co-ordinated rather than leaving it to individual students to scout for colleges in various countries. An appropriate framework may kindly be put in place for this process.

Considering that the students have already lost one year of their education, I request your urgent intervention in this regard.

Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurates two-year fellowship programme to improve governance

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** inaugurated a two-year fellowship programme including 30 days of classroom training for 30 young professionals, on behalf of the Special Programme Implementation Department, at the Anna Administrative Staff College on 29.09.2022.

The Government of Tamil Nadu, with the motive of providing good governance in all its Departments has been taking various measures. As part of this move, the Government of Tamil Nadu has introduced the Chief Minister's Fellowship Programme (2022-2024). The programme aims to harness the energy and talent of young professionals to improve the governance process and improve the service delivery of various programmes and policies of the Government of Tamil Nadu. The role of the young professionals will be, to monitor and evaluate implementation of schemes, identify issues and aid data driven solutions on assigned programmes to address the gaps in service delivery and optimize the same in line with global best practices.

The State Government has appointed the Bharathidasan Institute of Management as its academic partner to conduct the Fellowship Programme.

Under the programme, qualifying examinations are conducted in 3 stages and the selected 30 young professionals given classroom training by higher officials and departmental heads, in co-ordination with the Bharathidasan Institute of Management.

The Government has identified 12 thematic areas for synergies in implementation, monitoring and evolution by grouping the various Departments and programmes. The young professionals will get an opportunity to work in one or more thematic areas as decided by the Special Programme Implementation Department, Government of Tamil Nadu.

The thematic areas are: (i)Augmentation of Water Resources, (ii) Agriculture Production, Productivity and creating of Marketing Linkages,

(iii) Housing for all, (iv) Improving Educational Standards, (v) Improving Health Indicators, (vi) Social Inclusion, (vii) Infrastructure and Industrial Development, (viii) Skill Development and (ix) Entrepreneurship Development, (x) Institutional Credit, Heritage and Culture, (xi) Ecological Balance and (xii) Data Governance.

Twenty-four Government departmental experts, @ two experts for each thematic area and 6 experts from the Special Programme Implementation Department will be involved in the co-ordination process.

The young professionals will have to undertake periodic field visits to the districts to assess the ground realities, elicit feedback and assist in appropriate follow-up actions. They must submit their monthly activity report to the Special Programme Implementation Department and the Bharathidasan Institute of Management for review, guidance and performance assessment. They will be allocated responsibilities as per the requirements that may arise from time to time. The young professionals will submit their final project report at the end of the two years' training programme of the fellowship.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister handed over laptops to the young professionals for better performance and appealed to them to make the best use of their fellowship programme in helping the Government of Tamil Nadu in providing good governance.

The selected young professionals will be given a monthly stipend of Rs. 65,000 during the two-year training period and an additional Rs. 10,000 per month to meet their expenses for their career-oriented travel, cell phone and data usage.

After successful completion of their training programme, the young professionals will be given Post Graduate Certificate in Public Policy and Management. Those who have already got Post-Graduate degree will have an option to pursue Doctorate Degree in the Institute, provided to fulfill other minimum requirements.

November 08: Birth anniversary of Tamil Scholar Veeramamunivar

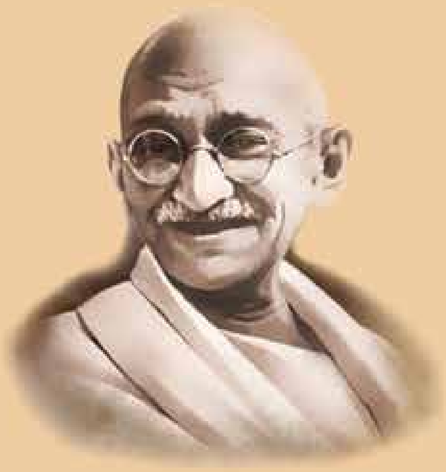
'He instilled pride in the Tamil language'

Veeramamunivar, the giver of 'Chathuragaradhi'. He came to Tamil Nadu as an evangelist. First, he landed in Goa – I think it is 1710. Later, he stayed in Nellai, Tiruchi and Thanjai Districts and served the Christian cause. Along with it, he studied the Tamil language and became proficient in writing books. He changed his attire, manner and food habits to that of a Tamil monk. He rose as Veeramamunivar. He compiled all the words in Tamil language from 'A' to 'L' ('Agaram to Lagaram') and published the work, 'Chathuragaradhi'.

A grammar book 'Thonnool' was written by Veeramamunivar. The credit of translating the 'Aratthupaal' and 'Porutpaal' of 'Thirukkural, into Latin goes to him. Arriving in Tamil Nadu as an evangelist, he did not confine himself to that task alone but also instilled Tamil feeling.

*– From the speech of **Muthamizharignar Kalaignar** at an event organized for the presentation of fund for the setting up of a Christian Research Centre in Madurai Kamaraj University on 14.07.1999.*

Mahatma Gandhi's land



October 02: Birth anniversary of Uthamar Gandhiadigal

"On the birth anniversary of Annal Gandhiadigal who toiled for the creation of an Indian society shorn of inequalities and luminous with love and peace, let us take a pledge to foster equality and brotherhood in this country as there is no room for forces fomenting hatred on Mahatma Gandhi's country."

- Social media post of the
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
***Thiru. M.K.Stalin** on 02.10.2022*

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News in Picture

Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. R.N. Ravi** and Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** paid floral tributes to a portrait of Uthamar Gandhiadigal, placed near his statue at the Government Museum, Egmore, Chennai on 02.10.2022 in connection with his 154th birth anniversary and participated in the Khadi spinning event organized by the Sarvodaya Sangam and in the music event of Gandhian songs.

SIRPI scheme launched on behalf of Chennai Police to instil good character, civic values into students

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** inaugurated the SIRPI Scheme, on behalf of the Greater Chennai Corporation Police, to mould the character of school students -14.09.2022.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin inaugurated the Students in Responsible Police Initiatives Scheme (SIRPI), on behalf of the Greater Chennai Corporation Police, at the Kalaivanar Arangam on 14.09.2022. The aim of the scheme is to further improve the character and education of the students and to develop good traits along with patriotism. The Hon'ble Chief Minister on the occasion also handed over appointment orders for the post of Nodal Officers for the SIRPI Scheme and distributed uniforms for the students who joined the Scheme.

The Government of Tamil Nadu has been implementing various schemes to maintain law and order in the State and to enable people to live without fear. Now, the Police Department has launched the SIRPI Scheme to bring students

and Police closer, improve mutual relations, and to make students law abiding citizens and friends of Police.

School students require guidance to keep away from Law and Order issues, develop good habits, keep away from drugs and alcohol and to develop themselves so that they can educate others on what they have learnt in schools. The SIRPI Scheme, an initiative of the Greater Chennai Corporation Police, has been launched with this motive.

Under the scheme, Nodal officers will be appointed and through them good habits, good behaviour, patriotism and general knowledge will be inculcated among the students. Besides, the students will be imparted physical training to keep themselves fit.

In the first phase, 100 schools will be identified and from each school, 50 students, studying in the eighth standard, will be taken as volunteers. The selected volunteers will be given training in good behaviour and exercises. They will be taken to 8 tourist spots and classes will be taken for them in history and general knowledge. The training will be useful to students in developing good behaviour, patriotism, national unity, helping tendency and in teaching fellow students the good behaviour and patriotism they have learnt and their experience in tourism.

In addition, the volunteers will be taught about the functioning of the police force and the police set up and the functioning of call centres.

Through these classes, they will be made SIRPIs and they in turn will impart to other students the good behaviour they have learnt in their training. This is the main aim of the scheme.

Earlier, the selected volunteers took the SIRPI Pledge in the presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

The Pledge:

I shall become the best student through this SIRPI Scheme. I shall obey traffic rules. I shall act as per the law. I will not become an addict of alcohol, I will protect Nature. I will not show enmity to others but share love with them. I swear by my heart that I will serve as a role model to others.

Speech delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on the occasion

At the outset, I extend my warm welcome to all of you.

I have not come to give a keynote address. I have come to make a brief speech because I am on my way to the airport as I have to go to Madurai. Earlier, the Chief Secretary in his short welcome address explained to you the purpose of the meeting. So I am standing before you only to endorse what he has spoken.

I am really happy to participate in this important function. We call Police as our friends. In a similar manner, the public also are friends of the Police. That is what not only me, but also you think.

Everybody knows that if the police and the public work in co-ordination and help each other mutually, crimes will not only come down but can also be prevented completely. Many schemes in the State are in force to integrate the working of the police and the public. SIRPI is another such Police Initiative.

First of all I congratulate and thank the Police for organizing this function for creating awareness among the people about this SIRPI initiative.

The SIRPI Scheme is for creating a responsible student force. I announced the Scheme in the Assembly on 13.09.2021. At that time of announcements, I said the scheme would be implemented at a cost of Rs. 4.25 crore.

At present, the scheme is being implemented in 100 Government Schools in Chennai Corporation, with an intake of 50 students per school.

I have no doubt that the scheme will mould students from a young age as persons of civic behaviour and social responsibility. At present the police are giving special importance to curbing juvenile offences. The main reasons for juvenile offences are the lack of attention of parents towards their children, insufficient income of the family, lack of proper support for the children and unemployment. By finding out these reasons and taking suitable action, juvenile offences can be prevented. This is the aim of the scheme.

Even though we are experiencing growth on one side, we should also perceive the fact that certain social problems are worsening and take preventive steps.

Eradication of drug addiction, steps against alcoholism, creating awareness about law in this regard, creating links with Governmental and non-Governmental organizations should be areas of focus.

Self-esteem, respect for parents, good relations with the public, adherence to traffic rules from an early age and pride in the State's prosperity are characteristics that should be instilled in the young. Students moulded in this

manner will definitely become the best citizens. Like a sculptor chisels statues, we should hone students. I enquired with the police officials about the details of the scheme.

The Police Department will select 2,764 boys and 2,236 girl students, studying in the eighth standard from the selected 100 Corporation Schools. Two Nodal officers will be appointed for each school. The selected student volunteers will assemble before the Nodal Officers on every Wednesday.

I was informed that classes would be taken for these student volunteers by police officials and by department-based officers. In this connection, a booklet will be given to the students. During the training session, the students will be given nutritious food. They will also be taken on tour to 8 selected spots. You would have seen these features shown here on the TV screen.

Kuzhandhai Kavignar Ala. Valliappa sang that the students who carry books to school today will carry the nation forward as leaders in the days to come. We should create such a future for students. It is our responsibility to create such students who have civic values. It is such students who will shape the best society of the future. There should be no violation of human rights during the training. No action is permitted that will affect the self respect of the volunteers. I request you all to implement this scheme in a way that gives no room for complaint. By grooming students into persons of good character, let us strengthen the coming generations. Once again, I thank you very much for giving me this opportunity of taking part in this function and meeting you all. With this I conclude my speech.

Nandri! Vanakkam!

‘I have dedicated myself to the people’

This Government, formed by you, is executing various works and looking after your welfare. I have dedicated myself to the people.

- Speech delivered by the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu ***Thiru. M.K.Stalin*** *in the Government function held at Erode District (10.01.2022).*

Hon'ble Chief Minister opens new integrated rehabilitation camp for Sri Lankan Tamils

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin**, on 14.09.2022 declared open through video conferencing from the Camp Office, a new integrated Rehabilitation Camp for Sri Lankan Tamils consisting of 321 new houses with infrastructure facilities, all built at a cost of Rs. 17.84 crore. This new Rehabilitation camp integrates the Thottanuthu, Adiyanuthu and Gopalpatti camps in Thottanuthu Panchayat in Dindigul District.

Perarignar once said that sea water tastes salty because of the tears shed by Tamils who live across the sea. The present State Government, which treads the path laid by Arignar Anna with a view to alleviate the sufferings of Sri Lankan Tamils living in rehabilitation camps, made various announcements on 27.08.2021, under Rule 110 in the Legislative Assembly.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister announced that the DMK Government would ensure a safe, secure and honourable life for the Sri Lankan Tamils living in the Rehabilitation camps. The condition of rehabilitation camps would be reviewed and the houses which are badly damaged would be replaced.

As per the announcement, 3.05 hectares of land was allotted in Thottanuthu Village in Dindigul East Taluk, Dindigul to facilitate construction of 321 houses in the new integrated rehabilitation camp by integrating the Thottanuthu, Adiyanuthu and Gopalpatti camps in Dindigul District.

In continuation of this, a new rehabilitation camp with 321 houses for Sri Lankan Tamils was established in Thottanuthu Panchayat at a total cost of Rs. 15.89 crore. Every house was constructed on 300 sq.ft of land. In addition, basic infrastructure facilities like Anganwadi Centre, tar roads, cement roads, bore wells, water storage tanks, new electric posts and 78 street lights were provided at a cost of Rs.1.62 crore. At a cost of Rs. 33.10 lakh, separate bath rooms for gents and women and new bore wells were set up. Drinking water facility was provided to the integrated camp.

The new integrated Sri Lankan Tamils Rehabilitation Camp, with 321 houses and other infrastructure facilities were constructed within a record time of eight months, adding pride to Tamil Nadu.

'ST status for Narikuravas, another achievement of DMK Government in the history of Social Justice'

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** on 14.09.2022.

I welcome the Union Government's decision to give tribal status to the Narikurava Community, who have been living in the fringes of society and suffering without basic rights for a very long time. In the DMK's 2021 Assembly Election manifesto we had made an assurance that all necessary measures would be taken with the Union Government to include the Narikurava Community in the Tribal list.

In continuation of the assurance, I have written a letter to the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 19.03.2022. In that letter, I pointed out that the Lokur Committee Report in 1965, the Parliamentary Joint committee in 1967, then the Government of Tamil Nadu and the Union Minister for Tribal Welfare in 2013, were all in favour of including Narikuravas along with Kuruvikarar Group in the Tribal list.

Subsequently, the DMK MPs also raised the issue in Parliament now and then. A Bill in support of this was also presented in Parliament. Following the continuous efforts of the DMK, the information about inclusion of Narikuravas in the Tribal Category came during the 'Mupperum Vizha' celebrations in Virudhunagar. This is a victory of the prolonged struggle of the community for reservation and social justice. This is yet another achievement of the DMK Government in the history of Social Justice.

Apart from Tribal Community status, the DMK Government has provided various special facilities to the Narikurava Community. These include sanctioning patta for house sites, basic facilities to their colonies and providing financial assistance for starting their own trade. I myself visited Poonjeri Village where they live, and sanctioned basic facilities, ration cards and distributed Government welfare assistance to the tune of Rs. 4.53 crore. At a time when the DMK Government has been taking the necessary economic measures, the Union Government's action according ST status will help support the youth in the community to get social justice in education and Job opportunities.

At this juncture, I would like to assure the community people that the DMK under my leadership, will continue to take all steps to provide education and employment opportunities to the community people for their economic uplift.

Representatives from the Narikuravas Community met the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin**, at the Guest House in Virudhunagar on 15.09.2022, and they thanked the Hon'ble Chief Minister and the State Government for their efforts in getting the Union Government 's accord for Tribal Status for the Narikuravas.

Members of Narikurava Community thank Hon'ble Chief Minister for ST status

The Government of Tamil Nadu will stand with Narikuravas to retrieve their rights and improve their livelihood.

The Union Government has accorded Tribal Community status to Narikuravas, after prolonged efforts taken by the DMK party and the DMK Government.

Even before that, in the previous year the Hon'ble Chief Minister visited the Poonjeri Village in Chengalpattu District on November 4 and distributed Government welfare assistance and issued orders for development works for the Narikurava people.

Subsequently, the Hon'ble Chief Minister directed officials through the Chief Secretary, to visit the villages in other districts where the Narikuravas and others in the margins of society are living, and find out the needs of every household of the Narikuravas and others and prepare a list of their demands.

On that basis the needs of over 2 lakh people living in 5,875 tenements, have been listed. They are now being given new concrete houses, drinking water connections, free house-site pattas, Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme cards, Community Certificates, Voter ID Cards, road facilities and other Government welfare measures.

Representatives of the community met the Hon'ble Chief Minister at Virudhunagar recently and they thanked him and the State Government for its efforts in according Tribal community status to them and supporting their continued efforts for social justice at all levels for the community.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister assured them that the Government of Tamil Nadu, which is led by ideas of the social reformer Periyar and Muthamizharignar Kalaignar and the DMK will always represent the tribal people in the margins of society and minorities, espousing their cause for improving their livelihood and retrieving their rights.

*-Social media post of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** on 15.09.2022*

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Hon’ble Chief Minister lays foundation stone for new Collectorate buildings in Virudhunagar

The Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru.M.K.Stalin** laid the foundation stone for the Collectorate Complex, at a function in Virudhunagar on 15.09.2022, on behalf of the Revenue and Disaster Management Department, to be constructed at a cost of Rs. 70.57 crore.

In the budget demand for the financial year 2021-2022, it was announced that a new Collectorate Complex would be constructed for Virudhunagar District with all infrastructure facilities.

As per the announcement, the new Collectorate Complex on 2,02,496 sq.ft area, at a cost of Rs. 70.57 crore with six floors is to be constructed. In the new complex, Post office, People’s Grievance Hall, Information & Public Relations Office, Election wing and four-wheeler parking complex will be housed in the Ground Floor, Industrial Safety Department, Criminal Cases Registration Department and Statistics Department Offices in the First Floor, National Informatics Centre, Assistant Director (Panchayats), Integrated Child Development Services Scheme, District Treasury and 2 Deputy Collectors’ Offices in the Second Floor, District Revenue Officer’s Office, Deputy Collector (Excise, Stamps, Special Programme Implementation), Assistant Director (Tamil Development), Adi Dravidar Welfare Department, Auditing and Tourism Department in the Third Floor, in the Fourth Floor, District Collector’s Office, Meeting Halls, Video Conference Hall, Rooms for Collector’s Personal Assistants, Disaster Management Control Room and Offices of the 2 Deputy Collectors, in the Fifth Floor Emergency Assistant Centre, Special District Revenue Office, (Land Acquisition and National Highways Authority and Industrial Estate), Assistant Director (Drug Control) and District Backward Classes and Adi Dravidar Welfare Departments and Special Tahsildar offices and in the Sixth Floor, Deputy Director (Mines), Women Empowerment, Assistant Director (Finance and Auditing) and District Supply Officer.

Tmt. M.Pandidevi of Anaiyur Village in Sivakasi Division gave a petition under the 'Ungal thoguthiyil Mudhalamaichar thittam' to provide assistance to her and the family, as her husband, who was the breadwinner, died while working. Her son, who was mentally retarded, also died. She has to support her daughter, suffering from various diseases and has an aged mother to support. She was suffering from extreme poverty with her meagre earnings from her coolie work. She appealed for a Government Job for maintaining the family.

Considering her family circumstances, she was given a job as the Anganwadi Assistant in the Sithurajapuram Melur Anganwadi Centre under the Integrated Child Development Services Scheme in the Sivakasi Taluk. The Hon'ble Chief Minister handed over the appointment order to the woman at the function.

Earlier, the Hon'ble Chief Minister planted a sapling at the Collectorate Complex. Later, the Hon'ble Chief Minister inspected a photo exhibition highlighting the achievements of the Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Department,

School Education Department, District Rural Development Agency, Information & Public Relations Department, Directorate of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Tamil Nadu State Rural Livelihood Mission, Social Welfare and Women Empowerment Department, Integrated Child Development Services Scheme and Special Programmes being implemented in the District.

September 15 : Birth anniversary of Perarignar Anna

"Calling out, Thambi, give me your ear", he instilled political awareness into us and retrieved the Tamil race with progressive thoughts. He was the great son who named Mother Tamil, the foremost of the sons of Tamil Nadu. Let us bow to such a Perarignar Anna and vow to work always for the welfare of Tamil Nadu.

- Social media post of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu ***Thiru. M.K.Stalin*** on 15.09.2022.

Hon’ble Chief Minister inaugurated schemes to give fillip to MSMEs in Tamil Nadu

Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** inaugurated various schemes for the benefit of MSMEs in the ‘Thol koduppom Thozhilgalukku’ - Regional MSME meet held at Madurai on 16.09.2022.

The Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin participating in the Southern Regional conference of the ‘Thol Koduppom Thozhilgalukku’ (We will support Industries), organized by the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Department on 16.09.2022, inaugurated many new schemes to be implemented by the Department for the growth of MSM industries, distributed bank loans to entrepreneurs and awards to the banks which gave maximum loans to the industries.

Awards for entrepreneurs and banks:

The Government of Tamil Nadu has been felicitating Micro, Small and Medium Industries which are functioning successfully in the State and the banks which give adequate financial support to the MSM Industries, by giving awards to them.

Following are the entrepreneurial concerns which received the Awards (2021-2022): Best Entrepreneur Award to Kalpana Chemical Industries Pvt. Ltd, Thoothukudi District; Farm- based Industries – Freshara Picklz Exporters, Tirupattur District; Quality and Export – Ramesh Flowers Pvt. Ltd, Thoothukudi District; Best Woman

Entrepreneur - ICA Specialities, Chengalpattu District; Award for Special wing – Prabhu Industrial Gases Ltd., Pudukkottai District. The Hon'ble Chief Minister distributed the Awards.

The Government of Tamil Nadu gave awards to the first 3 banks, for giving maximum loans to MSM Industries. The Hon'ble Chief Minister gave away the Awards to Indian Bank for the first place, Indian Overseas Bank for the second place and Bank of Baroda for the third place.

At present, when a MSM Industry applies for bank loan by giving its property as surety, both the bank manager and the MSM Industry owner have to go in person to the Registrar's Office for registering the Memorandum of Deposit Title Deed and Equitable Mortgage (MOD). Similarly, after clearing the loan, again the bank manager and MSM Industry owner have to go to the Registrar's Office to cancel the registration of MOD. These procedures of registration and cancellation result in delay in sanctioning and disbursing the loan amount.

Taking into consideration the delay, the Government has simplified the procedure. Under the new procedure, both the MSM Industry owner and the bank manager need not go to the Registrar's Office for registration and cancellation of MOD. The MSM Industry owner can pay the Registration Fee and do the Registration online and similarly he can cancel the registration after clearing the loan online. This will benefit over 6.5 lakh MSM enterprises and beneficiaries. The new simplified process was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

Similarly, the long-pending demand of the industries for an amendment in the Tamil Nadu Registration Act for an online registration of rental and other agreements has been conceded and the facility was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

Following the Government Order for formation of Micro Clusters throughout the State, many Clusters have been formed in the State. It is necessary to upgrade these clusters for ensuring sustainable employment opportunities in rural areas. For up-gradation of these clusters, the State Government in the 2022-2023 budget announced an allocation of

Rs. 50 crore for setting up 20 new Micro Clusters.

As a part of implementing the announcement, works are going on for formation of 4 micro clusters, with a Government subsidy of Rs. 32.98 crore with a scheme cost of Rs. 44.06 crore. The Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated the Toys Cluster at Vilachery in Madurai District, at a scheme cost of Rs. 4.03 crore with a subsidy of Rs. 3.63 crore, Hyacinth Cluster at Thoothukudi with a cent per cent Government subsidy for a scheme cost of Rs. 2.02 crore and a Women's Weaving Cluster, at a scheme cost of Rs.3.77 crore with Rs.3.40 crore Government subsidy, at Dhalavaipuram in Virudhunagar District.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also inaugurated 12 online service facilities for MSME units in SIDCO Industrial Estates, including issue no objection certificate for bank loans, drinking water connection and sales document.

Common facilities buildings:

The Hon'ble Chief Minister declared open buildings for common facilities, constructed at a cost of Rs.1.93 crore at the SIDCO Complex in Punjaikalakurichi in Karur District and at a cost of Rs. 90 lakh at Sakkarakottai SIDCO Complex in Ramanathapuram District through video conferencing.

School Innovation Development Scheme:

To foster the creative talents of students at the school level itself, the Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated School Innovation Development Project (SIDP). The scheme will be implemented jointly by Tamil Nadu Startup and Innovation Mission and the School Education Department, in association with UNICEF. In the first phase, 1.56 lakh students from the 9th to 12th class students from the Government and Government - aided schools and 3,120 teachers will be given training in awareness programme in Industrial Entrepreneur Orientation.

To stimulate innovative thinking among students, a cash price of Rs. 25,000 to Rs. One lakh and commendation certificates are given for the 40 best innovations of the student groups. Through this, the thinking capacity of students can be improved and they can be made into upcoming entrepreneurs.

CARE Scheme (Covid Assistance and Relief to Entrepreneurs):

With a view to help Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, which are affected by Covid and could not avail the loan facility from banks, the Hon'ble Chief Minister launched the CARE Scheme, with an allocation of Rs. 50 crore, for the MSME units. As a mark of inaugurating the scheme, the Hon'ble Chief Minister handed over a loan amount of Rs. 8.80 lakh to the first beneficiary.

Loan Assistance through the Tamil Nadu Industrial Co-operative Bank (TAICO):

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin at Tiruppur on 25.08.2022 inaugurated the Tamil Nadu Credit Guarantee Scheme. The scheme is to be implemented through TAICO Bank. Following the Government announcement that the TAICO Bank will provide greater financial assistance to MSM Industries, under its fly scheme and the Tamil Nadu Credit Guarantee Scheme, four beneficiaries were given loan assistance of Rs. 64.38 lakh. The fly scheme of the TAICO Bank is to give loan assistance to Industrial entrepreneurs on the basis of SIDCO's Industrial plot allotment.

Tamil Nadu Credit Guarantee Scheme (TNCGS):

The Scheme was launched by the Government of Tamil Nadu last month to enable MSM Units to get loans without any property surety. In the last one month, 81 MSME Units have been given loan assistance to the tune of Rs.20.13 crore with Government guarantee.

Tamil Nadu Trade Receivables Discounting System Platform (TN TReDs):

To find solutions for the MSME Units' problem of the very late realization of the

receivables due to them for the goods and services supplied by them, the Hon'ble Chief Minister launched the platform last month. In the platform, the State Government undertakings have 76 per cent shares.

To take the platform forward, in the presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, banks raised their credit limit of the platform to Rs.1,391 crore and this credit limit will soon reach Rs. 5,000 crore.

Handbook on Government Schemes for the MSM Enterprises:

The Hon'ble Chief Minister on the occasion also released a handbook on Government schemes for the Micro, Small and Medium enterprises. This book contains details of 97 schemes for the MSM Enterprises. Both the Union Government and the State Government through various Departments, planned various schemes, including financial assistance, infrastructure, skill development, up-gradation of Industries, for the development of the MSM enterprises. All these details have been compiled in book form, which will be useful to the enterprises.

MoUs signed in the presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister:

A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed by the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce and the Tamil Nadu Government's FaMe TN for providing training to the MSM enterprises for Industry 4.0 Technology to compete at the international level for sustainable growth of the enterprises.

Speech delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on the occassion:

At the outset I extend my hearty welcome to all of you.

I am on a two-day tour to the Madurai District. Yesterday, I inaugurated the breakfast scheme for school students and today I am participating in the southern zonal conference of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises. Through this meet I am able to interact with the representatives of the Micro, Small and Medium Industries in Madurai District. This function is organized in Madurai after the similar meetings held in Chennai, Coimbatore and Tiruppur.

Industrial growth does not mean the growth of big industries alone. It should include the growth of micro, small and medium industries also. Through the MSM enterprises only, more employment opportunities can be generated, providing livelihood to lakhs of families. On that basis, the Government of Tamil Nadu considers the growth of MSM Industries is more important.

Madurai, which developed Tamil during the Pandiyar's period, is now in the forefront of industrial development. Balanced widespread growth is the real and the best growth. With this motive, an industrial development based meet was organized in Thoothukudi last January. Now in Madurai, on behalf of the MSM Enterprises, we are successfully conducting 'Thol Koduppom Thozilkalukku' (We will

support the Industries) conference and the award giving function.

In Madurai District, there are about 50,000 registered micro, small and medium industries. Through these industries, employment opportunities have been provided to 3.37 lakh people.

Madurai is known for Sungudi Sarees, Readymade Garments, House-hold Plastic Articles and Madurai Papad.

Tamil Nadu is known for a lot of special products. Particularly, I am proud to say that out of 42 products with geographical indicators, 18 are from south Tamil Nadu: Nagercoil Temple Jewels, Eathamozhi tall coconut, Virupakshi Hill Banana, Sirumalai Hill Banana, Pattamadai Mat, Madurai Malli, Dindigul Locks, Tiruvalliputhur Milk Gova, Kovilpatti groundnut cake, Palani Panchamirtham, Kodaikanal Hill Garlic, Madurai Sungudi, Alapai Green Cardamom, Kanniyakumari Cloves, Malabar Pepper, Karaikudi Kandangi Sarees, East India leather and Chettinad Kottan baskets.

Apart from these, out of 25 products with GI or application for GI, 14 including Paneer Grapes, Udangudi Palm Jaggery, Thoothukudi Macaroon, Betel leaves of Sholavandan and Marthandam Honey are from south Tamil Nadu. As there is great demand for these products in international markets, producers should produce more of these products for export and bring credit to Tamil Nadu.

To recognize the role of MSM Industries, the Government of Tamil Nadu has instituted many awards. Best State-level Entrepreneur Award, Best Agro- based Industry Award, Best Quality and Export Firm Award and Best Special Industry Award. These Awards were distributed by me today. I extend my congratulations to the award-winning firms. I want these firms to grow further and get international recognition.

I thank the banks, which gave loans to the MSM Industries and be a part of Tamil Nadu in its balanced growth.

Today I have also inaugurated registration of rental agreements online. Last month I inaugurated the Tamil Nadu Credit Guarantee Scheme to provide loans to MSM Industries in Tamil Nadu without surety. Under the scheme, 81 MSM Industries received Rs. 20.13 crore as financial assistance. TAICO Bank has been revamped, CARE Scheme has been introduced, TN TReDS Platform has been launched and various measures have been taken through SIDCO. A number of Big and Small Clusters have been announced. Toy Cluster in Vilachery in Madurai District, Hyacinth Cluster in Thoothukudi, Women Weaving Cluster in Rajapalayam in Virudhunagar District. I have issued orders for formation of these clusters with a Government subsidy of Rs. 9.05 crore and the scheme cost of Rs.9.82 crore.

Apart from these clusters, steps are taken to set up common facilitation centre for Artificial Jewel Making Clusters by Narikuravars at Kancheepuram, Kitchenware Centre at Tirunelveli, Incense stick cluster at Tirupattur, Wooden Sculpture Cluster in Thammampatti in Salem District, Raw Material Godown cluster in Krishnagiri, Erode Turmeric Powder Cluster in Erode District and Bhavani Jamakkalam in Erode District.

In Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu Coir Business Development Board was inaugurated by me last month. This will benefit coir manufacturing units in Western and Southern Districts of Tamil Nadu, such as Tirunelveli, Tenkasi, Kanniyakumari, Sivagangai and Ramanathapuram.

Tamil Nadu which was in the 14th position in ease of doing business has now moved to the third position and our aim is to reach the first position.

Similarly, in the quality list released by the Startup India, Tamil Nadu has moved many steps up and has reached the leader position in the functioning of the Best Startups.

To attain one trillion US economy, it is necessary to substantially improve our exports. So we are encouraging exports. It is necessary to have the data of MSM Industries to make policy decisions and evolve schemes for them. So to get the present data of the MSM Industrial units, the MSME Department of the State Government is to sign a memorandum with the MSME Department of the Union Government.

I have recently inaugurated regional-level startup centres in Madurai, Tirunelveli and Erode to make for uniform growth all over the State, apart from big cities like Chennai. Of the 3 startup centres, 2 are in Southern Tamil Nadu.

I am going to make important announcements for the industrial development of the State.

At present, entrepreneurs while giving their property as surety for availing themselves of loans, have to register the original deed (Memorandum of Deposit of Title Deed) at the Registrar's Offices. For availing additional

loans with the same property, they have to register again at the Registrar's Office.

They have to register the property again and again whenever they want additional loans. This involves waste of time and delay in getting the loan. Now the rule has been changed. It is not necessary for the registration of title deed again for additional loan, if they have already registered their titles.

I would like to make another important announcement for Madurai. You all know the IT Revolution was initiated by Dr.Kalaignar by inaugurating Tidel Park at Taramani in Chennai. To take the IT revolution to the second and third tier cities in the State, Tidel Park started its units in Coimbatore, Tiruppur, Villupuram, Thoothukudi, Thanjavur, Salem, Vellore and Udhagamandalam. To set up knowledge-based Technology and FINTECH industries with Madurai as the centre, Madurai Corporation, through a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) will set up a pilot Tidel Park. This Park will be set up at Mattuthavani, at the centre of the city in two phases. In the first phase the park will be set up on a 5-acres area at a cost of Rs.600 crore. In the second phase, the area will be doubled with another five acres. This park, apart from providing quality infrastructure to new information technology units, will also pave the way for the economic development of the Madurai region. About 10,000 people will be benefited through employment opportunities. We consider this as the growth of thousands of families and not as industrial growth alone.

Both this region and district will be benefited. Through this, the industrial index of the State will rise. MSM Industries play a vital role in the growth of the State and that is why we feel the importance of these industries.

You spell out your demands. We will concede them. You create a situation for sustainable growth of Tamil Nadu.

On this occasion, I congratulate all those who have received the Awards. I conclude my speech with my best wishes to them.

Nandri, Vanakkam. ■

'Tamil is sweet in every way'

"It is sweet to speak in Tamil, it is sweet to hear Tamil being spoken, the word Tamil itself is sweet. The very meaning of Tamil is sweetness."

*-Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin**, at Kalaignar M. Karunanidhi Classical Tamil Award distribution function held at Anna Centenary Library on 22.01.2022.*

Hon’ble Chief Minister launches portal for online patta transfer facility

The Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin**, launched a portal for the transfer of pattas and a facility to download Town Survey Land Register sketches for urban areas, on behalf of the Revenue and Disaster Management Department at the Secretariat on 23.09.2022.

The Revenue Department is serving as the backbone of State Administration and plays a major role in meeting the regular requirements of the public, implementing the socio-economic schemes of the Government and in issuing various certificates, including land and house pattas, chitta and adangal, community and caste certificates. To improve the working of the Department, the Government of Tamil Nadu is providing fully furnished houses for employees, computerising office procedures and implementing many other schemes.

At present, the public has to go to Common Service Centres or Sub-Registrar’s Office to apply for transfer of pattas. The applications for patta transfer are processed and after verification through the internet, orders are issued for transfer of pattas.

Now for the transfer of pattas, the public need not go to Common Service Centres or the Sub-Registrar’s Office. The Government has launched a new portal known as ‘Anywhere, Anytime, online facility. Under the new facility, the public can apply for patta transfer through

the portal – https://tamilnilam.tn.gov.in/gov.in/citizen/

With the launching of this portal, the public need not go to Common Service Centres or Tahsildar's office, or Registrar's office for transfer of pattas. They need not go to banks to pay for the land subdivision or executive fees, as the fees can be paid online. After the approval of the patta transfer, the public can get the patta transfer order and patta by downloading from the site. They can also view the field measurement book through this portal. This again obviates the need of going to the Common Service Centre or Tahsildar's office.

Town survey land register sketches for urban areas have been computerized from 2014 to 2017 and they have been gradually brought online through TamilNILAM (urban) software. Approved urban buildings can be downloaded free of charge from the portal https://eservices.tn.gov.in for obtaining loans from banks and other financial institutions. This is necessary for plot approval and securing bank loans

News in Picture

Statue of Colonel John Pennycuick

Following the statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin,** that a statue for Colonel John Pennycuick, who constructed the Mullai Periyar Dam and sowed the seed for water resources in South Tamil Nadu, will be installed at Camberley town in England, Hon'ble Minister for Co-operation Thiru. I. Periasamy, MLAs Thiru. Cumbum Ramakrishnan, Thiru.G. Thalapathy, Thiru. Maharajan, Director of Information and Public Relations Department Dr. V.P. Jeyaseelan I.A.S., and office bearers of Camberley Tamil British Association visited Pennycuick's statue installed on behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu on 10.09.2022.

Hon'ble Chief Minister launches Green Mission, emphasizes need to protect and preserve nature

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin**, launched 'Green Tamil Nadu Mission' on 24.09.2022.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** on behalf of the Environment, Climate Change and Forests Department, launched the Green Tamil Nadu Mission at Vandalur in Chengalpattu District by planting, along with school students, 500 indigenous tree saplings. This is the first phase project for the current financial year, with a view to increase the forest cover in the State by planting 2.80 crore tree saplings.

The Government of Tamil Nadu is implementing many schemes to improve the forest cover in the State as the forest environment provides clean air, improves water sources and soil fertility and presents an environment suitable for living beings. Besides, it controls carbon di-oxide by recycling, regularises the monsoon and mitigates the impact of natural disasters.

The Government of Tamil Nadu has initiated many schemes to increase the forest cover to 33 per cent in the State. Under the Green Tamil Nadu Mission, announced in the 2021-2022 budget, the total area under tree and forest cover in Tamil Nadu will be increased to 33 per cent of the land area in the State. Under the movement, a massive tree plantation programme of indigenous varieties, in co-ordination with multiple departments and public and private institutions, will be taken up with public participation for the next 10 years.

As per the announcement, the movement to improve the green cover has been launched. The main aim of the movement is to plant more indigenous trees as they have the capacity to control the impact of natural disasters and protect the people.

In the next 10 years, such trees of economic and environmental importance will be planted in urban areas, farm lands, educational institutions, temple lands, industries, patta lands of industries and common land.

Under the movement, farmers and tribal and people in rural areas will be encouraged to cultivate sandalwood and red sanders trees of economic significance. This programme will enable the local people and tribals to improve their earnings.

Under the movement, about 2.80 crore trees are planted in various districts by the Forest Department, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, private charity organizations and private nurseries.

To monitor the growth of planted tree saplings and to meet the demand of nurseries, the movement has created a web portal – www.greentnmission.com. To find the survival rate of the planted saplings, geo-index record has been created in all the covered areas.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also visited the exhibition set up by the Forest Department. The exhibition has a Digital Wall and Digital Book, containing details about how to plant and nurture saplings. On the occasion, the Hon'ble Chief Minister also released a souvenir on the Green Tamil Nadu Mission and distributed certificates to those who excel in greening and tree planting activities.

On behalf of the Hyundai India Motor company, a cheque for Rs. 10 lakh was donated to the Green Tamil Nadu Mission. Similarly, the Manali Entrepreneurs Federation donated Rs. 35 lakh, the Green Environment Foundation, a self-help Group, Rs. 1 lakh and the Women Auto Drivers Association Rs. 15,000 (totally Rs. 46.15 lakh) to the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

The movement was started on the same day simultaneously in all districts by Hon'ble Ministers, Collectors and Local Body representatives.

Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister on the occasion:

I am happy to inaugurate the Green Tamil Nadu Mission as it gives an opportunity to meet you all. For this, I thank the Hon'ble Minister for Forest and his Department officials.

The launching of the Green Mission is the need of the hour. We cannot create nature. But if we want to, we can protect nature. We should all join together to protect nature. Everyone should have that feeling. The Green Mission was started to protect nature. Tamil Nadu itself is a green State. Our literature is strewn with references to nature. Many of our poets have sung about Nature. Tamils lived in harmony with nature. Our ancestors classified the land into Kurunji, Mullai, Marutham, Neithal and Palai. Our Tamil race is the only race that held that not only people, even the soil has individuality and character. The King Pari donated his chariot for the Mullai creeper.

Our ancestors lived in forests and nearby lands, hills and hilly terrain and along the sea-coast. Every temple in the State has its own tree, popularly known as 'Sthala Viruksham'. So protecting nature is in our blood.

Whenever there is a threat to nature in the name of growth, we have protected nature along with development. That is the Tamil Nadu Government's Green Policy. It is not possible for the Government alone to protect nature and greenery. People should also co-operate, because nature is not only the wealth of the Government but of the people also. We should hand over this wealth to posterity. For this noble task, the Government has launched the Green Tamil Nadu Mission. This land does not belong to human beings alone. It belongs to animals, creatures plants and grass. So we have to protect the land.

Our greatest threat now is climate change. We have excess heat. Our rainfall is unpredictable. At present, we do not have summer or monsoon season. We have rains during summer and hot climate during the monsoon. The earlier situation of summer and rainy season has now changed and we are unable to predict when the monsoon will set in and when it will not. Sometimes, there is a severe heat wave, causing heat burns in our bodies. These are all the effects of climate change. We should realize that this is due to our negligence of nature and greenery.

So, it is necessary to protect our forest resources. We have to retrieve our forest wealth and green cover. Natural water resources have to be protected. The existing water resources have to be desilted regularly and kept clean. The nature of the soil is to be protected and the quality of air should not be spoiled. Plastic bags should be avoided at all costs. For that we have started the Yellow Bag movement. Forests and trees play avital role in sustainable livelihoods, sustainable agriculture and food security. So the Green Tamil Nadu Mission should concentrate on planting trees and protecting forests.

Many steps are being taken on behalf of the Government.We have received Rs.920.58 crore Japanese aid. Through that fund we are going to improve the environment. Greening the State is going on. The socio-economy of the forest areas has to be developed.

Similarly, the quality of less fertile soil has to be improved and in those places new forest development works should be undertaken. I am happy to inform you that for such works NABARD has agreed to sanction Rs.481.14 crore.

Unfortunately, some people think that protecting nature is not their concern. One should not forget that we have to protect people

through nature. In 2018, one should not forget that during the Gaja Cyclone in the State, the Pichavaram Forests and Alaiyathi Forests in Muthupettai bore the brunt of the cyclone and saved the people.

As a result of climate change, native trees provide the necessary capacity to adapt. This Green Tamil Nadu Mission aims to plant more native trees, which I appreciate.

As a part of the Green Tamil Nadu Mission, more trees should be planted to combat climate change. More natural environments should be created in urban areas over the next decade.

I am very happy to mention that under this drive, 2.80 crore saplings have been raised in 350 nurseries across the state in a short period.

Considering their economic importance, farmers will be encouraged to plant trees such as sandalwood, sheep wood, and spearwood. We will try to increase wood production without compromising the food production of the state. I hope that this project will help to increase the income of local communities such as tribals, farmers, and village panchayat people living in forest areas. This is achieved through the sustainable use of natural resources.

Auto drivers, students, self-help groups, entrepreneurs, Government officials and the general public are all gathered here. The key task of this movement is to ensure its success. This success is in your hands. The responsibility for creating that success lies with you.

Take a pledge to grow a plant in every inch of space. Everyone should grow as many plants as they can to turn Tamil Nadu into a greener state.

Here I would like to point out a famous motto among the American tribal people known as Red Indians.

"Only after the last tree is cut down, the last river is filled with leeches, and the last fish is caught, will you realize that money cannot be eaten" is the motto.

A situation like this should never occur. Let's take the Green Tamil Nadu Mission forward. We should grow it. Let's live prosperously as green and developed state. Having said that, I thank you for this opportunity and conclude my speech.

Hon'ble Chief Minister writes to Hon'ble Union Minister for External Affairs for release of fishermen, boats by Sri Lanka

D.O. Letter of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** to the Hon'ble Union Minister of External Affairs **Dr. S. Jaisankar**, requesting him to take earnest efforts through diplomatic channels for the release of the arrested fishermen and their fishing boats at the earliest - 20.09.2022.

This is to bring to your attention the arrest of eight Indian fishermen belonging to Pudukottai District, Tamil Nadu and their mechanized fishing boat bearing Registration No: IND-TN-08-MM-346 on 20.09.2022 by the Sri Lankan Navy. Apart from the above-mechanized boat, 95 fishing boats and eleven fishermen are still under the custody of the Sri Lankan Government.

While expressing my gratitude for the concerted efforts of the Ministry of External Affairs, in securing the release of 12 Tamil Nadu fishermen, I request you to take earnest efforts through diplomatic channels for the release of the arrested fishermen and their fishing boats at the earliest.

News in Picture

The Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. R.N. Ravi** distributed prizes to school and college students, on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Uthamar Gandhiadigal held at Gandhi Mandapam, Guindy, Chennai on 02.10.2022.

Hon'ble Chief Minister launches Tamil Parappurai Kazhagam: 'Now is the time to propagate Tamil'

Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M. K.Stalin** at the function to launch the Tamil Parappurai Kazhagam on 24.09.2022.

I would like to extend my warm welcome to all of you.

"For us, Tamil is not merely a language! It is our life!"

Muthamizharignar Kalaignar always referred to Tamil in this way. I used to mention this in all my earlier meetings. I think it will be appropriate to mention this in this meeting also.

Dr. Kalaignar said, "I feel like calling Tamil as Ullam Kavar Oviyame, Urchaga Kaviyame, Odai Narumalare, Oli Umizh Pudhu Nilave, Anbe, Amudhae, Azhage, Uyire, Inbame, Iniya Thendrale, Paniye, Kaniye, Pazharasa Suvaiye, Maragatha Maniye, Manikka Chudare and Manpadhai Vilakke. Though we have all these names, I feel pleasure in calling Tamil as Tamil".

I feel immensely happy to inaugurate the Tamil Parappurai Kazhagam, which I consider is not only my lifetime duty but also my pride. The DMK Government's slogan is that even if we fall, the Tamil language should flourish. So the DMK Government's prime duty is to launch the Tamil Parappurai Kazhagam.

When the name DMK was being popularized in the film world, a song penned by respected Kavignar Kannadasan for Kalaivanar, was very popular. The song was 'Theena, Moona, Kaana is our Thirukkural Munnetra Kazhagam'. The meaning of this is that DMK is Tamil and Tamil is DMK. When the DMK came to power, it

changed the name of the State as Tamil Nadu. Before that, the name of the State was Madras Rajadhani and then Madras State. But it was our mentor Arignar Anna, who changed the name to Tamil Nadu. So it is proper to start Tamil Parappurai Kazhagam from this place (Anna University), which is named after Anna.

We are running the Dravidian Model Government, which ensures the growth of all people, growth of all departments, growth of all Districts and all sections of society. In line with this policy, the Information Technology and Digital Services sector is also developing.

The DMK laid the foundation for the information technology in the State. TIDEL Park stands as a testimony to that. It was Dr.Kalaignar who started TIDEL Park in 1996. The IT revolution started by Kalaignar then, is responsible for the phenomenal growth of the Department in the last 27 years.

If at all Tamil youths are employed in various countries, it was due to the foundation laid by Dr.Kalaignar. The next phase was computerization. At present, the Tamil Virtual Academy is digitizing all our knowledge assets.

In the year 1999, the then Chief Minister Dr.Kalaignar announced Tamilnet99 at the Tamil Internet conference. After that, the Tamil Virtual Academy was started on 05.07.2000.

Over hundreds of years, we lost a lot of precious Tamil manuscripts due to lack of storage facilities. That has been prevented now as we are digitizing them and storing them through Information Technology. In this connection, I would like to appreciate Thiru. Mano Thangaraj, who is involved in this task. Similarly on this occasion, I also congratulate all those involved in this, including Thiru. Udhayachandran I.A.S., Chairman of the Tamil Virtual Academy, and his staff.

Some of the Tamil works were saved by the late C.V. Damodaranar and the late U.Ve.Swaminathar. In a similar manner, many people are working with the same interest. I thank all of them on behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu. The Tamil Parappurai Kazhagam has been started today crowning all these activities.

At present, Tamils are living in large numbers in over 30 countries and in small numbers in 60 other countries. Tamils living in some countries have lost touch with Tamil Nadu. They have forgotten how to write and speak their native language. The Tamil Parappurai Kazhagam has been formed to teach Tamil to all these people. The Tamil language books were released in 24 languages. I am really happy that organizers of various Tamil Associations, teachers and students from over 30 countries are virtually participating in this function.

We are all united as Tamils by sentiment and feeling. Our relatives in the US, Kuwait, Oman and Norway have joined in the conference. Only language has the capacity to unite people. Those who are united by language cannot be separated by caste and religion. The Tamil Parappurai Kazhagam has been started at a time when we have to be united through Tamil.

In the past, Prof. Ilakkuvanar, popularly called Senthamizh Arima, started the Tamil Protection Movement. At that time, it was necessary to protect the Tamil language.

Now it is time to propagate Tamil and that is the reason for launching the Tamil Parappurai Kazhagam.

The main aim of the Kazhagam is to take Tamil throughout the world through Tamil Virtual Academy.

- Through communication centres set up throughout the world, this virtual Tamil education has been provided.
- In the last 5 years, only 28 communication centres were started. But in the last one year itself 17 new centres have been started.
- Tamil books are being digitized.
- Software is being developed for Computer Tamil.
- Recently Keezhadi Keyboard and Tamil Unicode Convertor were released by our Government.

The major achievement of Tamil Virtual Academy is standardizing Tamil fonts and making them common throughout the world.

To promote these achievements, computer Tamil centres are to be started in 200 colleges.

Rs.5 crore has been allotted to Tamil Virtual Academy for this purpose.

You all know the importance being given to the Tamil language and to culture development by the Government of Tamil Nadu. We have

taken many steps to bring out the antiquity of the Tamil language, besides popularizing and promoting the language whenever possible, right from getting Classical status to Tamil to setting up Porunai Museum.

- In the 2022-2023 annual budget, we have allotted Rs.82 crore for Tamil Development; We are honouring Tamil writers;
- We have allotted funds for the Tamil Chair in the Cologne University, Germany;
- We have nationalized the Tamil books of many scholars;
- We have donated funds for the Tamil Sangam building in Navi Mumbai;
- We have organized cultural programmes under the banner Theera Kadhal Thirukkural;
- The death centenary of Mahakavi Bharathiyar was celebrated;
- We have instituted awards for Tamil Scholars in the names of Tamil savants right from Thiruvalluvar;

- We have recorded the speeches of famous leaders in both visual and audio media and we are conducting literary meetings regularly.

A few days ago, an All-India leader of a political party asked what has the DMK done for the Tamil language. Our reply is, what have we not done for the language? We have done many things for the Tamil language in the past one year and the Tamil Parappurai Kazhagam is the crown of those achievements. This is not a Kazhagam which only sings in praise of Tamil, not one which engages in empty talk about Tamil. It is a forum to propagate Tamil. The motive of the Kazhagam is that all Tamils should read, write, speak and think in Tamil.

Many Tamils have shifted to alien lands for education and employment. Due to circumstances prevailing there, they are not able to utilize Tamil fully. This is an unavoidable crisis. Whatever be the crisis, Tamil should not be put aside.

Language is the symbol of one's race. It is the life of the race, It is food for one's feelings. Language stimulates one's thinking. My desire is that the affinity towards one's native language should be converted into education in the native language and thinking capacity in the native language.

At present, we have released the book for the first grade in the first phase. It has been prepared so as to kindle the interest of students in Tamil. One can learn Tamil happily, one can learn Tamil through pictures. We are also going to provide audio books. Doubts can be cleared through video lessons. One can learn more words through flash cards.

Through these lessons, learning Tamil will be a pleasure and not a tiresome process. This book has been translated in 24 languages. It is available as audio books in 12 languages. These books are prepared on the basis of the L-S-R-W method (listening, speaking, reading, writing).

In continuation of this, we are preparing

books till level 5 and are to release them shortly. Through these books, one can easily speak and read Tamil. One should read Tamil not only for the love of the language but also to know the art and culture of Tamil. Our literature stresses righteous conduct. Our culture is not a culture that divides; Tamil culture is a culture that unites people. To know this, everyone should learn the Tamil language. We are going to release a miscellany of songs including Thevaram songs. The books from level one, phase one will be sent to 26 Nations, to Tamil schools in 20 States, to all communication centres and to people interested in the language. In the first phase, about 25,000 students in 22 Countries and 20 States will be benefited. This will be extended to thousands of students throughout the world by the Government of Tamil Nadu, through the Tamil Virtual Academy.

This day is a day that fulfils the dreams of Perarignar Anna, who named the State as Tamil Nadu, and of Muthamizharignar Kalaignar, who got the Classical Status to Tamil. I call upon you all to, 'Render service to Tamil with great interest in every field' and concluding my speech, I thank you all for giving me this opportunity.

Do you Know?

To ensure food and nutrition security for all, the Government of Tamil Nadu is supplying essential commodities to family card holders through fair price shops under the public distribution scheme and special public distribution scheme. Such essential commodities are sought to be sold by some persons in the black market with the intention of making high profits. Officers of the Food and Consumer Protection Department and the Civil Supplies Criminal Investigation Unit are engaged in the prevention of smuggling and hoarding of essential commodities by taking up patrol duty. Those involved in these crimes, those who abet such crimes and the vehicles used for these activities are brought under the Essential Commodities Act,1955, cases are filed and appropriate further actions are taken. Steps are taken under the Prevention of Black Marketing and Maintenance of Supply of Essential Commodities Act, 1980 to effect preventive detention of serial offenders. Under that Act, from 29.08.2022 to 04.09.2022, 924 quintals of rice valued at Rs. 5,21,969 and 32 vehicles used to smuggle the commodity were confiscated and 198 persons involved in the crime were arrested.

Hon'ble Chief Minister motivates officials to be prepared to face North-East monsoon

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin**, chaired a meeting on 26.09.2022 on the preparedness for the North-East Monsoon.

First of all, I extend my warm welcome to all of you. Based on the dictum that 'Prevention is better than cure', it is the duty of the Government to plan before and be prepared. We have convened this precautionary meeting for planning steps against any eventualities due to the North-East Monsoon. Such a meeting is not only necessary but urgently needed. I hope all the department heads have realized the necessity of such urgent meetings.

Officials who have come here to attend the meeting, explained the various measures taken by their departments for ensuring preparedness in the face of the onset of the monsoon. I am happy to know that you are all in full preparedness to meet any eventuality that the North-East Monsoon may cause. In the previous year, when we came to power, we experienced heavy rains that inundated many areas in the city and posed a great challenge to us. At that time itself, we decided that such a situation should not happen during future monsoons and planned advance measures.

You all know that to draw guidelines for such an eventuality, we formed a committee under the chairmanship of Thiru. Thiruppugazh and have taken steps on the basis of the recommendations of the Committee.

We have identified flood prone areas not only in Chennai District but in the surrounding districts and in areas where the monsoon is likely to be heavy and have taken advance

measures. These measures are being implemented. I appeal to you to complete all these precautionary measures before the onset of monsoon.

It is very important to identify the areas which were the worst affected in the previous year's monsoon and take advance measures. I was informed that all the reservoirs, Chembarambakkam and Puzhal, which are the main drinking water sources of Chennai City have enough storage. I want you to monitor the inflow of water in these reservoirs during the monsoon and handle the situation judiciously.

During the rainy season, electric wires and rain drainage works without proper protection are likely to cause major accidents, besides heavy traffic disruption. I appeal to you to complete all the flood protection measures on a war footing as per schedule.

As I have mentioned earlier, all the monitoring officers appointed for the districts should visit the districts concerned once or twice before the onset of the monsoon. They should stay in their respective districts and inspect the relief centres and the local schools.

You should concentrate more on school buildings. Based on the difficulties faced in the last monsoon, we have removed encroachments and desilted canals. I hope these measures will help prevent flooding in the city's main areas. At the same time, you should not be complacent that there will not be water stagnation. I appeal to officials and representatives of local bodies, PWD, Fire Service and Agriculture Departments to work in co-ordination instead of working individually. You should create the climate for co-ordinated action.

I believe if you take precautionary measures in co-ordination with local residents' associations and the local people, it will yield good results.

In every Corporation, the monitoring officers should ensure that the 24-hour emergency centres function effectively.

Last time, we had some delay in getting advance information about the monsoon. It should be avoided this time. You must get in touch with weather office officials and get proper inputs. We must also get information from private weather offices also and compare it with information received by the Revenue Department. Based on these, precautionary measures must be taken. When you accommodate affected people in relief centres you should ensure that the affected people get proper food, drinking water, power supply, medical and health facilities in time. You should see to it there are no shortcomings in providing these necessities.

In every relief camp, a supervisor must be appointed. If we are careful in taking these precautionary measures, we can reduce the hardships likely to be faced by the poor and downtrodden, farmers and fishermen. That is the main focus of this Government.

You should convey your suggestions to the Government then and there and expedite the relief work. You need not wait for advisory meetings like these. You should popularize the toll free common facility telephone number and prevent diseases.

You must concentrate more on disaster management and prevent electrical accidents. In total, our aim is to protect the people. I appeal to all of you to concentrate more on these issues. I am happy that I got an opportunity to meet you all and get your opinion. With these words, I conclude my speech.

Hon'ble Chief Minister inspects flood prevention works in vulnerable areas

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** inspected and reviewed on 29.09.2022, flood prevention works undertaken by the departments of Water Resources, Greater Chennai Corporation and Highways at a cost of Rs. 174.48 crore at Chemmenchery, Nookampalayam, Perumbakkam, Velachery, Pallikaranai and Adyar.

Last year, during the North-East Monsoon, the Hon'ble Chief Minister visited in person and reviewed flood-affected areas in Chennai and its suburbs, expedited rescue operations and directed officials to take up works on a war footing and the works too were carried out speedily. For the coming monsoon period also, the Government of Tamil Nadu has allotted funds for taking up storm water drain works in areas where water stagnation tends to be high so that rain flood damages don't occur; the works were taken up immediately and are in full swing now.

> Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K Stalin** inspected the progress of flood control works in various places in Chennai on 29.09.2022 & 08.10.2022.

The works reviewed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister were: setting up a Head Regulator with a barrage in Madurapakkam Odai near DLF, Chemmanchery and laying a Cut and Cover Macro Drain to a stretch of 500 metres along the intersecting road to the DLF residential area, all at an estimate of Rs. 21.70 crore; raising a 1,900-metre-long Retaining Wall from Arasankazhani canal near Nookampalayam bridge to Bollineni residential area and Tamil Nadu Urban Housing Development Apartment Building; and on either side of the Chemmenchery canal up to the Nookampalayam

bridge as also dredging works (Rs. 24.30 crore); works on setting up a head regulator with barrage in Arasankazhani Velanthangal lake near Bollineni residential area, Nethaji Nagar Main Road and a cut and cover macro drain with a concrete base and side walls to a length of 970 metres from Arasankazhani lake to Kazhuveli (Rs. 29 crore); and laying a cut and cover macro drain to carry the surplus flood water from Pallikaranai lake to Pallikaranai marshland (Rs. 57.70 crore) – all executed by Water Resources Department;

Laying a storm water drain to a length of 1,000 metres on the Velachery - Tambaram road from Thamaraikulam to Pallikaranai NIOT (National Institute of Ocean Technology) at a cost of Rs. 20 crore so as to drain the flood water into Pallikaranai marshland; (Highways Department);

Storm water drain works taken up in 6 streets of the AGS colony, Velachery (1st to 4th main roads, 6th and 7th cross streets) to a length of about 1,620 metres at a cost of Rs. 5.18 crore so as to combine these areas and design an integrated stormwater drain; storm water drain works taken up in 5 streets in Kasturba Nagar, Adyar (Thiruvengadam street and first and second streets in Govindarajapuram in the 3rd Main Road, 1st street and 3rd Main Road of Kasturba Nagar) to a length of about 1,085 metres at a cost of Rs. 2.22 crore by combining all these streets, demolishing the damaged old canals and replacing them with new integrated canals; and storm water drain works undertaken in 21 streets in Indra Nagar, Adyar, Kannappan Nagar, Ganesh Nagar, Kamaraj Nagar in Thiruvanmiyur to a length of about 4,895 metres and designing an integrated storm water drain by combining all the main roads in Indira Nagar and demolishing the damaged old canals, at an estimate of Rs. 14.38 crore under the Flood Relief Fund.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister instructed officials to complete all these works qualitatively and speedily within October.

Hon'ble Chief Minister inspects storm water drain works in Greater Chennai Corporation areas

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru.M.K.Stalin** visited and reviewed on 08.10.2022 storm water drain and dredging works being carried out by the Greater Chennai Corporation, Water Resources Department and the Highways Department in Chennai at an estimate of Rs. 167.08 crore. The places visited are N.S.C. Bose road, Walltax road near Central Railway Station, Basin Bridge, Demellows Road, Pulianthope Highway, Dr.Ambedkar College Road, Velavan Nagar and Temple school in Kolathur.

Last year, during the North-East monsoon, the Hon'ble Chief Minister personally visited flood-affected areas in Chennai and suburbs, expedited rescue works and directed officials to take up the works on a war footing and the works were accordingly carried out. The Government of Tamil Nadu allotted funds for undertaking storm water drain works in low-lying areas in the coming monsoon period so that flood damages are prevented and the works were taken up in full swing and are about to be completed.

The works reviewed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister are: storm water drain works to a length of 46 metres at an estimate of Rs. 24 lakh as a permanent solution to remove stagnant rain water in Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Road and surrounding places as suggested by the Adviser Committee and similar works to a length of 600 metres at an estimate of Rs. 2.06 crore under Singara Chennai Phase I scheme as a permanent remedy to remove stagnation of rain water at Central Railway station, Ripon Building, Raja Muthiah Salai, E.V.R. Periyar Salai and surrounding places in Chennai (Greater Chennai Corporation); construction of storm water drains to a length of 4,600 metres on Walltax Road from Chennai Central to Moolakothalam, 8 culverts and 3

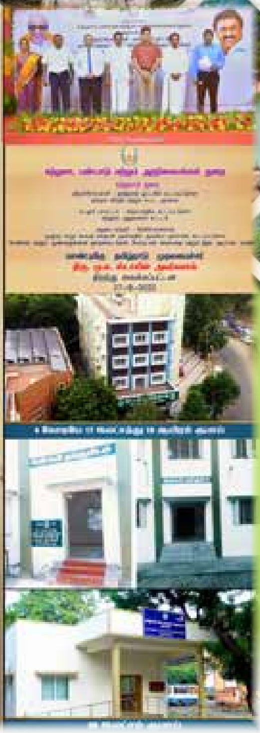
approach canals- all at an estimate of Rs. 33 crore (Highways Department); For undertaking monsoon precautionary measures, 31 works within Greater Chennai Corporation areas are carried out on a war-footing at an estimate of Rs. 20 crore, dredging works in North Buckingham canal near Basin Bridge at an estimate of Rs. 40 lakh, storm water drain to a length of 725 metres at an estimate of Rs. 3.39 crore under the Singara Chennai Phase I scheme as a permanent solution to remove stagnation of rain water in Demellows road, Munusamy Salai and surrounding places on the recommendation of the Adviser Committee and after getting approval from the Indian Institute of Technology, Chennai for the design, storm water drain works to a length of 790 metres at an estimate of Rs. 6.28 crore under the capital subsidy fund as a permanent solution to remove stagnation of rain water in Pulianthope highways, Thiru.Vi.Ka.Nagar zone, storm water drain works to a length of 600 metres at an estimate of Rs. 2.81 crore under the Singara Chennai Phase I scheme for permanently removing stagnation of rain water in Dr. Ambedkar College Road and surrounding areas, storm water drain works to a length of 485 metres in the Paper mills road junction in Velavan Nagar as a part of taking up such works in 92 roads in the Kosasthalai river basin at an estimate of Rs. 96.50 crore under the Asian Development Bank Fund for removing permanently stagnation of rain water in Kolathur area (Water Resources Department); installation works of automatic 200 HP water expeller with a capacity of bailing out 2.4 cubic metres of water per second at an estimate of Rs. 2.80 crore in the Venus Nagar and Temple School areas in the Inner Ring Road as a permanent solution for the removal of stagnation of rain water in these two areas and Selvi Nagar in Kolathur (Highways Department) – totally at an estimate of Rs. 167.08 crore. The Hon'ble Chief Minister reviewed these works and advised the department officials concerned to complete all these works quickly and qualitatively within the month of October.

'District Collectors must enlighten people about schemes'

"The major task of conveying to people all the schemes chosen and implemented by the Government of Tamil Nadu, has been entrusted to the District Collectors. I request you all to execute this task without slackness and with new enthusiasm and energy."

-Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu ***Thiru. M. K. Stalin*** *at the meeting of District Collectors and Superintendents of Police through video conferencing (23.05.2021).*

Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurates more tourism facilities in Tiruchi, Chidambaram and Madurai



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin,** declared open a tourism office building, infrastructure facilities, lodging facilities and a Convention Hall on 27.09.2022.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, on behalf of the Tourism, Culture and Religious Endowments Department, declared open a Lodging House and Convention Hall at the Tamil Nadu Hotel in Tiruchirappalli, built at a cost of Rs.4.17 crore, Tourism Office building at Chidambaram in Cuddalore District, constructed at a cost of Rs. 60 lakh, and infrastructure facilities at Rs. 1.80 crore at Goripalayam Mosque in Madurai, from the Secretariat on 27.09.2022 through video conferencing.

Tourism plays an important role in providing employment opportunities and earning foreign exchange for the country. Tamil Nadu is at the forefront of tourism in the country. In Tamil Nadu there are many tourist spots; it has great temples and beautiful hill stations; it has a long sea coast. In the arrival of foreign tourist spots, Tamil Nadu occupies the second spot in the country. To improve tourism further, the Government of Tamil Nadu has been implementing various projects through the Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporation.

Lodging House and Conference Hall in the Tamil Nadu Hotel, Tiruchirappalli.

Tiruchirappalli, on the banks of the River Cauvery has many places of historic importance

with natural scenery. Ganapathi Temple atop the Rock Fort, the Srirangam Ranganathar Temple, one of the 108 Divyadesams, Thiruvanaikaval, one of the 5 major Pancha Bootha Shiva Temples, Samayapuram Mariamman Temple, one of the Sakthi Peetams, Pachamalai Hills and Mukkombu Dam in the District attract tourists from inland and abroad. To provide accommodation to tourists, the Tourism Department has constructed an additional lodging house on 19,238 sq.ft area in Hotel Tamil Nadu and a convention hall with a seating capacity of 110 people for organizing cultural shows, at a cost of Rs.4.17 crore.

Tourism Office Complex in Chidambaram:

Cuddalore District has historic places on the East Coast Road, landmark monuments, ancient temples, Chidambaram Natarajar Temple, Annamalai University, Lignite mines at Neyveli, Annamalai University, and Vadalur where Vallalar established Samarasa Sanmarga Sangam, among other places. A tourist office complex has been constructed at a cost of Rs. 60 lakh in Chidambaram town to provide details of various spots in the District and to guide tourists and co-ordinate various tourist development works. The opening of the Tourist Office Complex in Chidambaram will further improve the tourism activities in Cuddalore District.

Additional facilities at Goripalayam Mosque in Madurai:

The dargah of Hazrat Khaja Syed Sultan Allauddin Ouliya at Goripalayam, Madurai and the Masjid Wakf is a sacred place more than 800 years old. A large number of people from Madurai as well as tourists gather for the Kanduri festival here. To provide additional facilities to the devotees and tourists who come here, Rs. 1.80 crore has been allocated for halls for men and women to take rest, rooms for them to store their belongings and toilets for men and women.

News in Picture

Sewage Treatment Plant reviewed

Chief Secretary to Government **Dr. V.Irai Anbu** I.A.S., visited and reviewed, the performance of the 10 MLD tertiary Sewage Treatment Plant at Nesapakkam STP on 11.09.2022.

Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurates 2,488 RMUs for Chennai and its suburbs at Rs. 360.63 crore

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** inaugurated on 28.09.2022, the newly installed Ring Main Unit (RMU) on Chevalier Sivaji Ganesan Road, Chennai and also dedicated for people's use 2,488 RMUs installed in 28 Assembly Constituencies, inclusive of Chennai and its suburbs, at a cost of Rs. 360.63 crore.

The installation of RMUs can avert electrical accidents during the monsoon. Additionally, as each RMU is connected at least with two electrical lines, even if there is breakdown of power supply due to fault in one line, it can be restored immediately to the affected areas by switching over to the other line. Also, as they are integrated through the SCADA (Supervision, control and data acquisition) system, these machines can be operated from the headquarters itself. This will enable immediate detection of faulty power cables and swift rectification.

At present, 5,692 RMUs are getting installed for distribution transformers and transmission corridors at a cost of Rs. 787 crore in 28 Assembly Constituencies in Chennai including its suburbs: Anna Nagar, Ambattur,

Avadi, Chepauk, Egmore, Harbour, Kolathur, Madhavaram, Maduravoyal, Mylapore, Perambur, R.K. Nagar, Royapuram, Saidapet, Thiyagaraya Nagar, Thiru.Vi.Ka. Nagar, Thiruvottiyur, Thousand Lights, Villivakkam, Virugambakkam, Alandur, Poonamallee, Velachery, Sholinganallur, Gummudipoondi, Sriperumbudur, Pallavaram and Tambaram. Of these, 216 RMUs have already been brought under people's use at a cost of Rs. 31.31 crore. 2,488 RMUs have now been completed at a cost of Rs.360.63 crore and these was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

Hunger and learning don't go together

"I thought that no child should attend classes with a hungry stomach. Immediately I ordered the breakfast scheme. In the first phase of the programme, 1.14 lakh children from 1,545 schools will benefit."

-Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
Thiru. M.K. Stalin
(15.09.2022).

Details of ways farmers can win awards by exporting produce, inventing farm gadgets

The Government of Tamil Nadu announced many innovative schemes in its first 2021-2022 agriculture budget, presented in the Tamil Nadu Assembly for increasing the crop yield, thereby improving the earnings of farmers. To encourage farmers in organic farming, export of produce and indigenous innovations, the Government of Tamil Nadu announced awards for them in the 2021-2022 Agriculture budget and allotted Rs. 6 lakh for the same. The Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare announced in the current 2022-2023 Agriculture Budget that the Government would continue to give awards for the current financial year also.

Details of Competition and Cash Awards:

Farmers, who find the best new farming technique at the State-level through the Agriculture Department, will be given Rs. One lakh. Similarly, the farmer who finds a new gadget that makes agriculture operations easier will be awarded Rs. One lakh.

The first 3 farmers who excel in organic farming in Horticulture and Plantation Crops, will be given the first prize of Rs. 1 lakh in cash, the second prize of Rs. 60,000 and the third prize of Rs. 40,000.

Rs. 2 lakh cash prize will be given to the farmer who excels in export of agriculture produce through the Agri-Marketing and Agri Business Department.

How the selection of the best farmers is made:

Selection panels have been formed at the District-level under the District Collector, at the State level under chairmanship of Agriculture Commissioner, Horticulture Director and the CEO of the Agri Marketing and Agri-Business, on

behalf of the Agricultural Marketing and Agri Business Department.

How to apply for the Awards:

Farmers who want to participate in the competition have to download the necessary application form from the Uzhavan App and submit the completed application form.

Those who cultivate through leasing can also participate in the competition.

An entry fee of Rs.100 has to be paid at the Regional Agriculture Extension Centre and the receipt should be attached to the completed application form.

After the registration, the farmer concerned can contact the Assistant Director of Agriculture or the Assistant Director of Horticulture Department or the Assistant Engineer of the Agriculture Engineering Department or the Deputy Director of the Agri-Business Department.

Farmers who participated in the previous year's competition but failed to get an award are also eligible to contest, by upgrading their previous agriculture techniques or the use of agriculture gadgets.

The Government has appealed to successful farmers to participate in the competition as it will enthuse other farmers to adopt modern techniques to improve yield if they came to know that the best farmers would be rewarded for their performance.

Do you Know?

The Tamil Nadu Agricultural Produce Marketing (Regulation) Act 1987 was passed to facilitate fair price to farmers for their produce without middlemen and to regulate the trading of the produce; to implement the Act, Regulated Markets are functioning. A notification has been issued in respect of 40 kinds of agricultural produce and a market fee of one percent is collected. For cashew nuts, no market fee is collected in respect of nuts imported from abroad. However, it is subjected to the market fee if it is altered into any other form or processed and sold in Tamil Nadu. No fee is collected if agricultural produce is transacted with relevant documents to Tamil Nadu from another state or from one district to another district. If officials create hurdles even after production of appropriate documents or market fee receipt, complaints can be lodged to the round-the-clock mobile phone number – 7200818155. Traders are requested to co-operate with the Regulated Markets that function for the benefit of farmers, traders and the general public.

In the first nine months of this year, more than 4 crore passengers have travelled by Chennai Metro Rail Limited

Chennai Metro Rail Limited has always endeavoured to provide the people of Chennai a safe, efficient and a reliable Transport facility.

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Chennai Metro Rail has introduced a brand-new system – "No more Q, only QR". To enhance passenger comfort, passengers only need to scan the QR code that is displayed at the Metro Rail stations. Scanning the QR code will direct the passenger to the ticketing page of CMRL. Here, they can select the desired destination as well as choose a payment method.

All the Digital payment options such as UPI, Net banking, Credit/Debit banking, etc., are available for payment of the fare. In Android mobile phones, if UPI is selected, the phone will list out all the UPI Apps that are installed on the phone. Passengers may select any one of them and only need to enter their security PIN to proceed.

QR tickets are automatically generated and downloaded to mobile devices. Presently, 20 per cent discount is available on the mobile QR ticket. For its customers, CMRL always strives to provide the finest and safest possible travel experience.

The new feature of QR Code Ticketing was launched by Principal Secretary / Managing Director of Chennai Metro Rail Limited on August 3, 2022 at Koyambedu Metro Station.

Gift for Passengers

CMRL and Mark Metro had introduced an exciting Monthly Lucky Draw Scheme worth Rs. 1 lakh to encourage passengers to utilize the Metro Train Services.

As a part of the Monthly Lucky Draw (21st July – 20th August 2022), 30 winners were selected and the prize distribution was held at Koyambedu Metro Station, on September 20, 2022. The Gift vouchers and rewards were distributed by Director (Systems and Operations), CMRL.

To encourage and benefit passengers and to enthuse them to continue their journey in Chennai Metro Train, Monthly Lucky Draw Scheme will continue. To participate in this Scheme, passengers may please contact the Station Controller at the nearest Metro Station. Prizes are sponsored by Mark Metro in association with CMRL.

Monthly Lucky Draw Scheme Details:

1. Top 10 commuters who have travelled maximum rides in Chennai Metro Rail.
2. 10 Commuters who have made Top up for Rs.1500 & above are by Lucky draw.
3. 10 Commuters who have purchased a CMRL Travel card with minimum Top up of Rs.500 are by Lucky draw.

From 01.01.2022 to 30.06.2022, 2,47,98,227 Passengers have travelled by Chennai Metro trains.

From 01.07.2022 to 31.07.2022, 53,17,659 Passengers have travelled by Chennai Metro trains.

From 01.08.2022 to 31.08.2022, 56,66,231 Passengers have travelled by Chennai Metro trains.

From 01.09.2022 to 30.09.2022, 61,12,906 Passengers have travelled by Chennai Metro trains.

The highest passenger flow was recorded on September 30, 2022, with a total of 2,46,404 passengers. It is to be noted that 4,46,675 more passengers travelled in September than in August.

In September 2022, 4,98,351 passengers travelled in Metro trains using QR code and 38,23,810 passengers travelled using the Travel Card Ticketing System.

CMRL offers a 20% discount on Mobile QR Code ticketing (Single, Return, Group Tickets and QR Trip passes). Additionally, 20% discount fares are also available on Metro Travel Cards.

CMRL wishes to thank its passengers for their continuous support and co-operation.

-Chennai Metro Rail Limited

Let's know

'Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam'

To provide health care facilities at the doorstep of people, the Hon'ble Chief Minister launched an unique scheme, known as 'Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam' at Krishnagiri on 05.08.2021. The scheme has been designed to meet the medical requirements of patients afflicted with non-communicable diseases. The medical assistance to the beneficiaries is provided through field workers. Persons who are 45 years of age and above and those who are suffering from hypertension and diabetes and those with restricted mobility are eligible under this scheme. The patients will be provided doorstep medicines, medical assistance, disease support assistance and physiotherapy services. Maintenance of kidney ailment patients and recommending women for cervix and breast cancer detection tests also comes under this scheme.

At the field-level groups, women health volunteers, nurses and physiotherapists play a crucial role. All the medical assistance provided by 4,848 mid-level health providers for patients affected by non-communicable diseases has been integrated with the Scheme.

In the first phase, this scheme will be implemented in 50 blocks and will be gradually extended to Primary Health Centres, Urban Primary Health Centres, Government Hospitals and Medical College Hospitals.

All the beneficiaries are registered in the Population Health History for continuous monitoring.

The Scheme, which was started in August 2021 in Krishnagiri District, reached the 50 lakh beneficiaries target on 23.02.2022. Till 28.08.2022 the scheme accounted for 86,43,778 first-time beneficiaries; 1,70,22,546 beneficiaries are getting continuous medical assistance.

Beneficiaries under the Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam Scheme till 28.08.2022

Services provided to beneficiaries	First-time beneficiaries	Those who are monitored continuously
People receiving medication for the treatment of high blood pressure	34,23,518	68,30,788
People receiving medication for the treatment of diabetes	23,86,369	48,93,884
People receiving medication for the treatment of high blood pressure and diabetes	17,41,491	38,64,967
Recipients of palliative care services	3,53,491	5,05,170
Recipients of conventional treatment services	7,37,980	9,24,922
Those who received the necessary bags for kidney disease self-dialysis	929	2,815
Total	**86,43,778**	**1,70,22,546**

SEVAAZHAI

-Arignar Anna

Sengodan, a poor agricultural labourer was growing a sapling of plantain at the backyard of his hut. The sapling was revered as a pet child by him. The moment he returns home, his first work would be to go to the backyard and inspect the sapling to see if it is sufficiently watered. Only then he talks to his four children. His joy increased with the growth of the sapling. While watering and digging around the sapling his eyes would glow with happiness. His wife Kuppy was surprised and even felt jealous that her husband was showing more affection towards the plant than their first son Kariyan.

Sengodan would caution Kuppy to take care of the sapling and be vigilant to prevent cattle from tramping it. Describing the fruits, he would tell her that 'Sevaazhai would be big and round and very tasty- just looking at it would fill the stomach', he would add.

Apart from acknowledging their father, the conversation of his four children with other children would always be centred on Sevaazhai, with pride.

-Children of an agricultural labourer-what will be the topic of their conversation?

-Will it be on the new motor car bought by their father?

- Or the diamond necklace of their mother, or the radio bought by their brother? What will they talk of? Only the Sevaazhai.

It was their motor car, radio, necklace and all other luxuries.

Kariyan, his eldest son would say that he would take one full bunch of bananas when it becomes ripe. Ellappan from his neighbouring hut would say: "Won't you give me atleast one fruit? Don't forget I have given you mango and fried Groundnut" But Kamachi, his younger sister would say: "You know, if it is one bunch for you, I'll get two bunches I'll take one from mother and one from father!"

The third son Muthu would say "Don't get disappointed thinking of the bunches, who knows what would happen to the bananas before it get riped".

He had decided to eat more number of bananas than others if needed by stealing it.

Sevaazhai grew as the darling child of Sengodan. Tiresome work in the fields Stern and pompous farm Manager-He would tolerate with pain- but he would forget all the hardship and pain, the moment he sees Sevaazhai. When his children cry, he would console them by showing the plantain tree. Even to admonish his mischievous children, Sengodan used Sevaazhai.

Sengodan was thinking of the joy with which his children would eat the fruits. His master's children would be given grapes and apples. How can Sengodan afford such costly fruits and

so he thought he could satisfy his children with this plantain. Only with this thought in his mind he was showing so much care for the plantain sapling. Sengodan, being a labourer, even if he works overtime could not save the ‘money’ much needed for buying fruits and eatables. His earnings can only fill half the empty stomachs. His wife Kuppy’s earnings could only lessen the burden. This was their plight.

The fruits of his labour goes to the land lord. A large portion of the benefit goes to the landlord. Only by this plantain he would reap the full benefit of his labour. The landlord could not demand a share in this because, he spent time for it only after toiling in the fields and he takes care of the plantain only during his resting hours, after a heavy day’s work. He felt glad that atleast in this Sevaazhai he was able to reap the full benefit of his labour.

All these ideas did not come to his mind clearly. Like a smoke screen it would come and go. This was the reason why he felt proud and happy when he looks at the plantain.

The plantain tree grew as also his happiness. Now, the children’s play area was the place where Sevaazhai grew. As flowers and honey attract women and bees, the children always played around the tree. Kariyan would ask “will the plantain come out in one month’s time?”

Sengodan would say “It would take two months dear” For him the plantain was more precious than Muthuvijaya’s diamond necklace. The plantains were growing bigger and bigger and children’s appeal to either their father or mother for their share were also becoming frequent. His daughter would ask “when will it ripe.” His son would ask “for how many days it should be on the tree?” I should cut it at the right time and keep it for riping. Sengodan would think. This was his labour. He was going to benefit fully from his labour. There was no agent who would ask for his commission-No landlord who would demand a lion’s share. In the fields, he is only the labour, the benefits were reaped by the landlord. Only the balance left by him was for his taking. But in this case Sevaazhai. The labour and the benefit goes to him alone, He decided to cut the bunches in two days time. The children jumped with joy. The news spread to other children they started giving Kariyan all sorts of eatables-asking for banana.

Nothing equals this joy. “I laboured and I am going to reap the benefit. Likewise, If I am too benefit from the toil in the fields, how exhilarating it would be! The labour spent for growing the plantain is not even one hundredth of what I had toiled in the landlord’s fields. Even though I work in the fields, since the land belongs to him, a large share of benefit goes to him. This plantain has grown in my garden by my labour and so I am going to benefit – Likewise, If I had a piece of land as my own, how happy it would be. Will a time come stating that the land belongs to the labourers and without labouring, a man or a land lord cannot own lands. Will such time come? Sevaazhai slowly instigated all these thoughts in Sengodan’s mind. But for children it caused watering in their mouth.

At the time when Sengodan was joyously watching the plantain, the landlord Paranthamar was preparing for the birthday celebration of his daughter-in-law Muthuvijaya. He had informed the lyyar for conducting ‘abishekam’ in the Ambigai temple. He asked his accountant to prepare the list of items. While preparing the list, won’t fruits’ come to the mind? The landlord said “two bunches of plantain”.

“There is no good plantain in the shop. They sell only the green bananas”, said Sundaram, the accountant.

Ok! Buy two bunches where else you get good plantain! Before waiting for the landlord to complete his sentence, the accountant said, there is a very good Sevaazhai in our Sengodan’s house - we can take it.

‘Ok!’ said the landlord. Sengodan’s Sevaazhai! His dream!!

His labour’s benefit!! The joy of the children!! Sundaram had rung the death bell. The whole family of Sengodan had been joyfully watching the growth of the plantain. And Sundaram has come as a Murderer. Sevaazhai - the cause for happiness, pride, belief is endangered.

When Sengodan and Sundaram are talking on the street, the children did not know, their conversation would be over the plantain! Sengodan’s head was spinning - He was tongue tied - words which started coming out got jammed in the throat.

"Daughter-in-law's birthday pooja reasoned Sundaram. What can Sengodan do. What can he say? The longing that grew with the plantain - The longing that tempted children's mouth to water-eagerly waiting for the day to ripe - which of that can he say. The person who is asking for the plantain is the landlord.

He imagined as if the whole village is scolding him. The landlord without any discrimination, respecting you as such have asked for a plantain. But you refused to give. Provider of your daily meal. How can you be so thankless. After all a plantain. For his wealth and status this is nothing".

"Father, don't cheat us. I too had watered the plantain tree-prevented cattle from stamping over it - you only said that the plantains would be as sweet as Sugarballs. It was so dear to our sister. Even looking at upward would cause watering of mouth-You told us you would give us but now you are cheating us. Did we ask you to buy grapes or oranges from shops. All we asked was the plantain which we grew in our garden? wailed his children in his mind.

"Is it fair that you are making the children cry like this?" his wife asked him angrily in his mind. But the man standing in front of him was the land lord's accountant.

He went to the place where he kept his sickle. Children shouted in joy that their father is going to cut the bananas.

Sengodan's eyes started to burn with tinging tears. He cut the banana stalk and brought it to the hut. Children jumping with joy asked him to put it down so that they can touch it. Sengodan pated Kariyan's back and said, "Dear, our landlord wants these bananas, I am taking this to him-Don't cry, the next sapling will grow in a month and I'll give you that fruit" with these words he comes out of his hut before, the wailing of the children shatter his heart.

That day, Sengodan's house resembled a death house. He gained guts only very late to return to his hut. He saw the children sleeping tiredly after crying for so long His eyes started to water Wiping it he laid down and shifted restlessly-with thousand thoughts in his mind Sevvazhai having grown as a darling child-what is the Landlord could afford to buy not one, but thousand such plantains. But for Sengodan..? How much had he suffered for this-How many nights had he dreamt of it-How many times had he shown the fruits to his children with longing! so much labour! so much care! Everything wiped off in a second!

After four days Azhagu Muthuvijaya went to - Ambigai temple with the bunch of Sevazhai for her birthday pooja. Even after four days of consoling, the children did not stop crying. Kariyan was very adamant for a plantain. Kuppy sent him with a quarter Ana to the shop for a plantain. Kariyan ran to the shop.

The 'Sevaazhai' bunches are majestically hanged in the shop. The accountant had earlier taken four bunches of Sengodan's plantain from landlords' house and sold it to the shop. Kariyan stood in front of it with longing!

"A fruit, cost one Ana boy-Sevaazhai will not be available for quarter ana go!" said the shop owner and chased him.

Kariyan, poor chap, he could not understand how the plantain grown in his garden came to the shop. How many days had he watered it for this fruit. The fruit is there. But out of reach to him. He returned home munching fried nuts and saw Sengodan coming out of garden with the other banana sapling.

Is this also for the landlord? asked Kariyan.

"No, my son! Our Parvathi paati had expired. This sapling is to tie in the paadai!

The decorated paadai (used for taking the dead body to the cremation ground) hosted the Sevaazhai sapling"

The paadai was surrounded by wailing people. Kariyan and other children were standing in the rear.

Kariyan pointing the paadai said, "that is our Sevaazhai.

The plantain we grew in the garden we gave it to our landlord's house and the tree we tied it with the paadai", said Kariyan proudly.

Poorchap - he is only a boy!! He could not understand that Sengodan's Sevaazhai is a common occurance in the life of labourers.

October 01: Birth anniversary of Nadigar Thilagam Sivaji Ganesan

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** paid floral tribute to the portrait of Nadigar Thilagam Sivaji Ganesan, in connection with his 95th birth anniversary, kept near his statue at Sivaji Ganesan Manimandapam at Adyar, Chennai, on 01.10.2022.

November 23: Birth anniversary of Kavignar Suradha

Sweet Tamil

My tongue is Tamil, the gracious.
It is the reservoir of honey.
My tongue is Tamil, the gracious.
It is the nourishing milk to me.

All my mind, thought and action are Tamil,
I should say.
It is all my voice, song and taste, I should say.

I give my heart to the utmost morals.
Daily I enjoy seeing painting.
Even if an array of an army comes to ruin Tamil,
I shall never fear.

- Suradha's Poetry

September 27: Birth anniversary of 'Thamizhar Thanthai' C.P Adithanar

"The pioneer in Tamil journalism"

Today is the 118th birth anniversary of C.P.Adithanar, the pioneer in Tamil journalism! He was the anchor for the journalistic task of carrying to the common man, progressive thoughts for the development of human society by standing on the side of truth. Righteousness is the pivot for journalism in a world of lies.

- Social media post of the
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
Thiru. M.K.Stalin on 27.09.2022.

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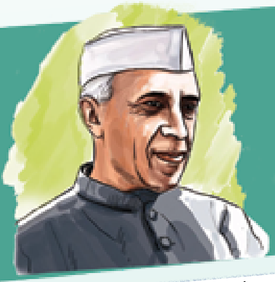
118th birth anniversary of 'Thamizhar Thanthai' C.P Adithanar

In connection with the 118th birth anniversary of 'Thamizhar Thanthai' C.P. Adithanar, Hon'ble Ministers, Hon'ble Mayor of Greater Chennai Corporation, MLA, Director, Information and Public Relations Department and other high Government officials paid floral tribute to a portrait placed near his statue at Egmore, Chennai on 27.09.2022.

November 14: Birth anniversary of Jawaharlal Nehru



'Jawahar was a gem'

Even though he had his own ideas on religion and god
He gave good governance without hurting anyone !
No religious rites after my death
He 'will'ed at the right time and enlightened the world!
Convinced that non alignment is the best
He framed a policy on the lines of our Poongundranar's epithet
'All places are my abode; all are my kith and kin' to the world's admiration!
In the gig and cantor of Time
Donkeys will ascend the forest throne
Auctions will see some reach unimaginable heights!
But Jawahar did not become India's Leader like that !
He is the mango from Salem; the Marina of Chennai!
A gem in framing policy, the silk of Kollegal!
The Temple of Thanjavur; the coolness of Cauvery!
Kanchi in the art of weaving ! Pandian in Heroism!

-Poem delivered by ***Muthamizharignar Kalaignar***
at the 'Kaviarangam' held at Chennai on 14.11.1970
under the title "The Democracy of Nehru".

125th birth anniversary of Periyavar M. Bhakthavatsalam

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In connection with the 125th birth anniversary of Periyavar M. Bhakthavatsalam, Hon'ble Ministers, Deputy Mayor of Greater Chennai Corporation and high Government officials paid floral tribute to a portrait, placed near his statue at Gandhi Mandapam, Guindy, Chennai on 09.10.2022.

September 16 : Birth anniversary of S.S. Ramasamy Padayatchiyar

Life long service to the Nation

Ayya S.S. Ramasamy Padayatchiyar fought for the country's Independence, as Minister in later days he worked for the development of the state and in the field of social justice he toiled for the progress of the Vanniyar community; on his birth anniversary I recall his contributions and pay my respects to him.

- Social media post of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
Thiru. M.K.Stalin on 16.09.2022.

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105th birth anniversary of S.S.Ramasamy Padayatchiyar

In connection with the 105th birth anniversary of S.S. Ramasamy Padayatchiyar, Hon'ble Ministers, Hon'ble Mayor of Greater Chennai Corporation, Deputy Mayor, MLA and Secretary to Government, Tamil Development and Information Department, paid floral tributes to a portrait placed near his statue at Halda, Guindy, Chennai on 16.09.2022.

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131st birth anniversary of former Mayor Sivaraj

In connection with the 131st birth anniversary of former Mayor Sivaraj, Hon'ble Minister for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Thiru. P.K. Sekar Babu, Hon'ble Mayor of Greater Chennai Corporation Tmt. R. Priya, Deputy Mayor Thiru. M. Magesh Kumar and Secretary to Government, Tamil Development and Information Department Thiru. Mahesan Kasirajan I.A.S., paid floral tribute to a portrait placed near his statue at the Mint Junction on 29.09.2022.

Mahakavi Bharathiyar's death anniversary

In connection with the death anniversary of Mahakavi Bharathiyar, Hon'ble Ministers, Hon'ble Mayor of Greater Chennai Corporation, Deputy Mayor, Leader of the Chennai Corporation Standing Committee and other high Government Officials paid floral tribute to a portrait of Mahakavi Bharathiyar, placed near his statue at Kamarajar Salai, Chennai on 11.09.2022.

Breakfast Scheme wins plaudits for driving away hunger, fuelling thirst for knowledge

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** is implementing many schemes in the interest of students in an excellent manner. Most of the children going to schools in urban and rural areas don't take any breakfast either due to their early departure to schools in the morning or due to family conditions. After coming to know of this, the Hon'ble Chief Minister announced the Breakfast scheme for students studying from first to fifth class in Government schools and inaugurated it on 15.09.2022 at the Adhimoolam Corporation school in Madurai City.

Following it, Hon'ble Minister for Municipal Administration Thiru. K.N. Nehru inaugurated the Breakfast scheme at the Naduvalur Panchayat Union elementary school in Thuraiyur Panchayat Union, Tiruchirappalli District on 16.09.2022 by serving morning food to students, boys and girls.

We know the Hon'ble Chief Minister's Breakfast scheme aims at preventing damage due to nutritional deficiency, increasing the nutritional level, improving students' attendance in schools and reducing the workload of working women. Teachers in schools where the scheme is implemented say distribution of food in the morning promotes students' learning skills and their attendance too is increasing. The menu served in the breakfast is: Monday – Rava

uppuma with vegetable sambar, Tuesday – Semiya vegetable kitchadi, Wednesday - Venpongal with vegetable sambar, Thursday - Rice uppuma with vegetable sambar and Friday – Rava kesari with Semiya vegetable kichadi.

For excellent implementation of the scheme, monitoring committees at the state, district and school levels have been set up with officials of the departments of Social Welfare and Women's Empowerment, Rural Development, Municipal Administration, Tamil Nadu Women's Development Corporation, School Education and integrated child development and food safety as members.

The observation of Thiru.M.Pradeep Kumar I.A.S., District Collector, Tiruchirappalli about this scheme: Hon'ble Chief Minister is implementing many schemes very well, inclusive of 'Illam Thedi Kalvi', 'Naan Mudhalvan' and 'Pudumai Penn' for the educational development of students. Now, one more special scheme, a forerunner for the entire India, has been introduced in the form of providing breakfast to students from the first to fifth class. People have applauded this scheme greatly and have welcomed it.

In the first phase in Tiruchirappalli District, the scheme is implemented in 40 schools within the Tiruchirappalli Corporation area and in 41 schools in Thuraiyur Panchayat Union – 81 schools in all. Breakfast is served to 5,633 students – 2,928 in 40 schools in the Corporation area and 2,705 in 41 schools in Thuraiyur Union. For the Corporation area school students, an integrated kitchen has been set up at the Government Syed Murthuza Higher Secondary school and breakfast is prepared through outsourcing. For the Thuraiyur Union students, breakfast is prepared by trained women Self Help Group personnel at the nutritious meal scheme centres in those places. When the scheme is implemented in a wholesome way, 1,96,733 students in 1,488 schools will be additionally benefited.

Comments of Tmt. Selvi and Thiru. Pazhanimurugan, parents of the beneficiaries in

Pachaimalai area, Tiruchi: "We belong to Scheduled Tribe category, and live in Thonur Village in Pachaimalai, Thuraiyur Union doing

Parents of the students
Tmt.Selvi and Thiru. Pazhanimurugan

sundry (coolie) jobs for our livelihood. We have a son and daughter –Dharnishkumar, studying 5th standard and Janani, 1st standard in Govindapuram Panchayat Union elementary school. Really, this breakfast scheme is helpful to our children. Before sending the children to school in the morning, whatever was available in the house would be fed to them hurriedly; sometimes, they would go to school on an empty stomach. We are extremely happy to see the children being given nutritious food through this scheme. They study well with concentration. We are happy. On behalf of our family, our tribe living in Pachaimalai, we heartily thank Chief Minister Ayya for implementing this breakfast scheme".

Comments of Muhitha Sri Varsha, another beneficiary: "My name is Muhitha Sri Varsha. I am studying in the 5th standard in the Puthur Corporation elementary school, Tiruchi. My sister Muhil Yazhini is studying in the first standard in this school. As my father is doing sundry jobs in a hotel, he goes to work early in the morning. As my mother has to tend to my younger brother in her arms, it is difficult for us to take the morning food and go to school. Sometimes, when I reach the school without taking food in the morning, it is difficult to concentrate on the studies. I also felt drowsy. Now, the Chief Minister Ayya has brought the Breakfast scheme, my hunger is appeased and my mind is enthusiastic. I am now able to concentrate on my studies. So is my sister. We thank Chief Minister Ayya profusely," she said with a smile. A similar enthusiasm can be seen in other students studying from 1st to 5th standard.

Student Muhitha SriVarsha

Besides assuaging the hunger of students, the Chief Minister's breakfast scheme has provided a good opportunity to students to learn with enthusiasm. Not only the parents of these students, but also members of the general public thank the Hon'ble Chief Minister greatly and applaud him for this scheme.

- Assistant Director
Information and Public Relations Office
Tiruchirappalli District

Beneficiaries hail 'Pudhumai Penn' scheme

The Government of Tamil Nadu has changed the name of the Department of Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Scheme into Department of Social Welfare and Women Empowerment so as to give women their rightful place in all the State's developments. It has announced and implemented many welfare schemes by way of safeguarding the interests of women, children, senior citizens, transgenders etc.

As part of such initiatives, it has designed an excellent scheme - 'Pudumai Penn' – that will nurture the education of girls, ensure higher education for them and act as the launchpad for them to become scientists, doctors, engineers, creative personalities, highly educated persons who bring up good citizens of the future and as persons of the working class who are educationally and technically qualified.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K. Stalin inaugurated the scheme on 05.09.2022 in the presence of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Delhi Thiru. Arvind Kejriwal and Hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare and Women Empowerment Tmt. P. Geetha Jeevan at an event held at Bharathi Women's College complex, Chennai. The scheme, executed under Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Higher Education Assurance Scheme, provides a monthly stipend of Rs.1,000 to women students who have studied in Government schools from 6th to 12th standards and are doing higher education now.

The scheme aims at creating an enlightened society by bringing about gender equality, eradicating child marriage, rendering economic help to women students who are unable to prosecute higher studies due to poverty and circumstances, reducing the drop out percentage of girl children and encouraging them to continue higher education of their choice, participating in all spheres by encouraging their skills, providing more job opportunities to women through assurance of higher education and guaranteeing socio economic protection through higher education to women.

The observation of Thoothukudi District Collector Thiru. M.K. Senthilraj I.A.S. about this: "The Hon'ble Chief Minister has designed and is implementing the 'Pudumai Penn' scheme for girl students who had studied in Government schools and are now pursuing higher education. They should have studied from 6th to 12th standards in Government schools or from 6th to 8th standards in private schools under the 'Right to Education' scheme and 9th to 12th standards in Government schools. This scheme is applicable only to those girl students who had studied in the 8th or 10th or 12th standards and joined higher education institutions for the first time.

This stipend will be given to girl students studying Certificate course, Diploma courses (ITI, D.TEd), Bachelor Degree courses (B.A., B.Sc., B.Com., B.B.A., B.C.A., and all Arts and Science, Fine Arts courses), Professional courses (B.E., B.Tech., M.B.B.S., B.D.S., B.Sc.(Agri), B.V.Sc., B.Fsc., B.L. etc.,) and para medical courses (Nursing, Pharmacy, Medical Lab Technology, Physiotherapy) and the like. The scheme will benefit the students throughout their course of studies.

As for Thoothukudi District, 383 students have benefited in the first phase – 131 in Kovilpatti Panchayat Union, 46 in Sathankulam Union, 20 in Vilathikulam Union, 17 in Azhwarthirunagari Union, 69 in Tiruchendur Union, 52 in Srivaikundam Union and 48 students in Thoothukudi Corporation area. A 'Pudumai Penn' kit, with a guidance book for job opportunity and a book on finance, and a debit card were distributed to them. The District Collector wished the girl students to make use of the scheme, get higher education and reach a high place in society.

"M.Malarvizhi, 3rd year student of the

Student M.Malarvizhi

Ettayapuram Government Polytechnic College, a beneficiary of the scheme said: "My parents are Thiru. Manikandan and Tmt. Shenbagavalli and I have a brother and we live in Padarnthapuli area. My parents are labourers. While studying in the first year in ITI, my brother discontinued his studies and started working in a petrol bunk as my parents found it difficult to educate both of us. From his income, my parents are educating me. I completed two years of studies with difficulty and this stipend of Rs. 1,000 per month is a great help to me in my third year of studies. This scheme is a great help to girl students of poor families. I thank the Hon'ble Chief Minister for implementing this scheme".

Durga Devi, second year student in Don Bosco college at Keezha Eral: "I live with my parents Kandasamy and Kaliammal and my sister at K.Kumareddiyapuram. My father is an agriculturist and my sister is studying in a college. I am a second year student in Keezha Eral Don Bosco college. My college is 9 kms away from my house and I am commuting to college by the college bus. It was difficult to meet that cost. Now, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has implemented the 'Pudumai Penn' scheme

Student Durgadevi

and the stipend is very helpful to meet that expense. So, I thank the Hon'ble Chief Minister on behalf of agriculturist families."

The scheme is being implemented to reflect the policy of women's right to get the permanent asset of education, and to light up the lives of women and make them self-sufficient and strong economically.

- Information and Public Relations Officer
Thoothukudi District

The Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** inaugurated the year-long Annadhanam scheme at Arulmigu Kapaleeswarar Karpagambal Thirumana mandapam, R.A. Puram, Chennai as a part of ‘Vallalar Mupperum Vizha’ celebrated in observance of ‘Thanipperum Karunai Day’ on 05.10.2022.

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The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** inspected the Storm water Drainage works in progress and desilting in various parts of Chennai on 08.10.2022.

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